

E-BOOKS

eReader pilot gives campus new ideas on digital books

By Whitney Keyes
Managing Editor

Northwest, in its 21st year as the Electronic Campus, thought it had the next big thing.

However, despite high hopes for the eReader program, Northwest has decided to go a different direction than originally anticipated.

At the beginning of the trimester, a pilot program was designed to give four classes the Sony eReader to use, instead of a hard-copy textbook.

The device works similarly to an iPod—students download all their textbooks onto it, can carry it anywhere and choose from hundred of reading options.

The pilot program focused on four individual classes—one section each of Intercultural Communication, Introduction to Philosophy, American Historical Survey and Program Planning and Agricultural Education.

Assistant to the President Paul Klute worked with a planning committee to design a feedback system that focused on students', teachers' and publisher's thoughts. Three meetings were to be held, one a month in November, October and December.

"After the first (meeting with student eReader users) it was apparent the eReaders weren't going to be a viable option like we originally thought," Klute said.

The electronic book industry, Klute said, is working toward being what Northwest and other users need it to be, but hasn't quite made it.

The Sony model Northwest used does not have a search mode, color or the ability to show images.

"The idea of all your books in an easy-to-read, lightweight format is great, but it definitely needs some work," Lyndsey Stewart said.

Stewart was involved in the pilot through her Intercultural Communication class, a fairly textbook-heavy course, she said.

She enjoyed reading fiction on the device, where she could read straight through and not worry about flipping pages.

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Georgia-based firm to aid presidential search

The University took another step toward selecting its next president this week.

On Tuesday the Board of Regents announced it had selected search firm Jon McRae and Associates Inc. of Atlanta to help the institution find and screen candidates to succeed President Dean Hubbard when he retires July 31, 2009 after 25 years.

"Our search partner ... will provide the professionalism and guidance our process will require in the months ahead. I believe the committee will be comfortable with our search firm selection," Board of Regents President Bill Loch said in a statement.

Four representatives from the firm will work with the regents and the University's own search committee, comprised of both campus and Maryville representatives, to develop criteria for advertising the job and recruiting candidates.

An spokeswoman for Jon McRae and Associates Inc. said the organization focuses on higher education presidential searches and will likely use its lists of national contacts and publications like "The Chronicle of Higher Education" to spread the word about the position.

The next step is an initial meeting between the firm representatives, regents and campus search committee, which could take place before Northwest's winter break begins.

Loch said the regents hope to select a new president by the end of April 2009.

They (North Alabama) celebrate, and sometimes they might be a little too confident, and we're looking forward to hitting them back. //

Senior guard Tom Pestock

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MHS FOOTBALL



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SENIOR RUNNING BACK Adam Mattson follows his blocks to a first down early in the first quarter of Saturday's loss to Clark County.

'Hounds fall just short

Spoofhounds lose to Clark County in state championship

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

When Maryville and Clark County stepped onto the Edward Jones Home turf, most people expected a high scoring affair. What resulted was a defensive struggle.

The Spoofhounds and Indians entered the Class 2 State Championship game averaging a combined 10.0 points per game, but managed just one touchdown each as Clark Co. prevented Maryville from taking home its second state championship.

"I figured there would be more scoring," Maryville head coach Chris Holt said. "I think this is the fastest defense

we've seen all year. Both teams were completely gassed."

After Clark Co. kicker Kolt Kiger kicked a 23-yard field goal to give Clark a 10-0 lead early in the fourth quarter, Maryville began its final scoring threat of the game.

Maryville took 16 plays and nearly seven minutes to move inside the Indians' 10-yardline on a drive that began its own 20.

On a fourth down from the Clark Co. five-yard line with less than five minutes remaining, Holt called upon his all-state running back Adam Mattson to pick up the two needed yards.

"That was an easy decision," Holt said. "We were out there and these guys

wanted to win. I had to be honest, if I'm going to lose the game I'm going to give it to 32 (Mattson)."

Mattson plowed ahead for one yard before Clark Co. linebacker Nathan Alderman brought him down short of the first-down.

The 'Hounds nearly broke several long gains during the game, but every time senior running backs Mattson or John Farmer appeared to have a game-breaking play a Clark Co. defender drug them down from behind.

"There were a lot of times when we got Matty or Farmer on the edge and they got caught from behind, and those are usually touchdowns for us," Holt said. "It is frustrating, but it's not supposed to be

easy at this point in the season."

The longest play of the game for either team came in the second quarter when Mattson broke into the Indians' secondary and seemed like he would outrun the defense like he had so many times this season. Instead, Clark Co. quarterback/defensive back Allen chases him at the 22-yard line for a 5-yard gain.

The 'Hounds also didn't score in the first half for the first time all season despite Mattson out-rushing the entire Clark Co. team by himself 125-124 in the first 24 minutes.

With the Indians keeping the 'Hounds offense out of the end zone, Maryville's defense rose to the challenge.

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PRESIDENT HUBBARD: 25 YEARS

Culture prepares for future

By Evan Young
Editor in Chief

This is the second part of a two-part series that chronicles President Dean Hubbard's most significant contribution to Northwest, the Culture of Quality – its creation, implementation and future.

When Dean Hubbard became Northwest's president in 1984, the institution was about to enter its eighth decade of education, and it was, arguably, already a quality campus.

A number of positive things – enrollment at 5,000 students for

the first time in 1969, university status in 1972 and an unanticipated but much-lauded aesthetic campus makeover after a 1979 fire in the Administration Building – came long before Hubbard paid his first visit to Maryville.

So when he arrived on the scene and, in 1984, told the University it needed to pursue constant evaluation and improvement in order to always put students and stakeholders first – a "culture of quality" – the reaction he got was a mix of both support and indignation.

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PRESIDENT DEAN HUBBARD speaks during a reception in honor of the University winning its fourth Missouri Quality Award on Nov. 24.

PROFILE

Alumnus to speak at commencement

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

Choosing Northwest was easy for one graduate. He liked the University letterhead.

"You can tell I like PR (public relations)," Neil Neumeyer said. "First impressions mean a lot to me."

Neumeyer graduated from Northwest in 1991. He was recently selected by President Dean Hubbard to give the winter 2009 commencement speech.

"After receiving a standing ovation from the 1,400 people who were there, President Hubbard probably thought I wouldn't give a traditional commencement address," Neumeyer said. "I'll try not to let him down. Plus, I'm just hoping I don't get Northwest's name wrong like Carl Peterson did last spring."

The president chooses the commencement speaker. Neumeyer is an alumnus who has done an outstanding job in his field, University Relations

Vice President Mary Ann Lowary said.

Growing up on a farm near Bennington, Neb., Neumeyer's parents raised him to have a strong work ethic, he said. He is the youngest of four. This made him want to stand out. Walking bean fields was his first job.

"Since all my older siblings got to do it first, I couldn't wait until I was old enough to walk to beans with the big kids," Neumeyer said.

Neumeyer went to school in the same building from kindergarten through the 12th grade. He graduated with 42 in his senior class.

His father died on Neumeyer's 11th birthday while on a family vacation in Seattle.



Neil Neumeyer

Missouri warns state schools of possible budget cuts

Missouri higher education institutions are preparing for higher state appropriations cuts than originally expected.

In the Missouri story, "Budget may face cutbacks," published in the Nov. 20 issue, University officials were making plans for 5, 10 and 15 percent cuts in state appropriations

for fiscal year 2010 to deal with the projected state deficit.

Northwest officials received an e-mail from Deputy Commissioner of the Missouri Department of Higher Education, Paul Wagner on Monday advising institutions to plan for 15, 20 and 25 percent cuts for 2010.

University officials will begin meeting next week to draft budget projections for fiscal year 2010 using the newest projected percentages.

Those impact statements are due to the Missouri Department of Higher Education by Dec. 10 so they can be sent to the Missouri Legislature.

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Feaste celebrates 35th year of entertainment

Northwest will hold the 35th annual Yuletide Feaste, a Renaissance-themed holiday celebration featuring more than 50 musicians, singers, actors, lords, ladies and royal persons in full regalia.

This year's feaste will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

The department of music sponsors the event each year to offer a glimpse of the Christmas season that was celebrated in England more than 400 years ago.

Yuletide Feaste tickets are \$27.95 per person and may be purchased at the music/art office on the first floor of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

Tickets may also be ordered by calling at 562-1315.

Career Services offers graduates job search help

CAMPUS PROFILE



photo by matt ferreller | chief photographer

NORTHWEST STUDENT LAURA Palermo battled with a rare cancer in high school and has been in remission for six years. Palermo is a public relations major and plans to work for a not-for-profit children's cancer organization to raise money to help find a cure for cancer.

Cancer survivor to use major to help spread awareness, find cure

By Kiley Swopes
Missourian Reporter

A Northwest student had more of a chance of getting struck by lightning than to get such a rare form of cancer.

Junior Laura Palermo was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in the spring of 2002.

As Lindsay Palermo rubbed her sister Laura's shoulders, she discovered a lump on the collar bone and joked about how her sister had cancer, Laura said.

"It was not something I thought could happen to someone that close to me," older sister Lindsay said. "I said it before I thought about it."

An X-ray and CT scan were taken and a mass was found pushing on the wind pipe. With a 70 percent chance of survival, Laura went through six months of chemotherapy and one month of radiation and now has been cancer free for almost six years, she said.

"Besides losing my hair, I gained over 50 pounds, threw up every day and did not have energy to move," Laura said. "From the massive doses of Prednisone (a steroid that shrinks tumors in massive doses) I lost all blood flow to my left hip causing me to have a total hip replacement at age 16."

After being rushed to Children's Mercy in Kansas City for further testing, a biopsy was taken and the results came back as Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Laura said.

"We got a call from the doctor saying the lumps in her neck were serious and she needed a biopsy," younger sister Alison said. "From there, we was used to calm her nerves, Alison said.

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As a public relations major, Laura has plans to work for a not-for-profit children's cancer organization to help raise money and awareness to someday cure cancer, she said.

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PROFILE

Local pastor prepares for busiest season of all

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

art tries to slow down and stay calm and not get caught up in the busyness of it.

"The holidays do not always come bearing gifts and togetherness. Some people feel the complete opposite, but for those people, there are pastors to help."

First Christian Church Pastor Dale Stewart started at the church in 2000, but only as interim minister. It was not until 2006 when he would be full-time minister of the congregation.

Christmas has a different meaning to some people, Stewart said. It is not always happy for everyone.

"During the Christmas season, I also stand alongside people who think Christmas is not a happy time," Stewart said. "It can bring up what some people have lost."

The holidays have many meaning to Stewart. The main meaning is celebrating the birth of God's son. It is also a day to celebrate being loved by God.

"I planned on being an attorney, but I went into law enforcement."

During the holiday season, Stewart said to slow down and stay calm and not get caught up in the busyness of it.

instead," Stewart said. "I was a police officer and detective in suburban Kansas City for 6 years."

While attending church in Kansas as a youth, he grew up in the church and preached on youth Sundays.

Being active in the church caught elder members' eyes, Stewart said.

"Growing up I was told I ought to become a minister, but it didn't seem exciting," he said. "I decided to go into law enforcement instead."

While growing up, his grandfather told him stories about his time in law enforcement. His grandfather was a police officer.

"This was when I knew I wanted to go into law enforcement," Stewart said.

During his senior year in college, Stewart married and had two children. After he graduated he moved to Enid, Oklahoma.

While at Phillips University, he earned his bachelor of science in sociology and history.

"I gradually came to the realization that I wasn't doing what I was created to do," he said. "So I went back to school to become a minister."

To become a minister, Stewart attended Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. During his time there, he was a full-time student, father and full-time minister at a small church.

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drawing board, keep coming up with strategies to work through it."

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Despite hard times on a national level, the Sledges still enjoy their business and its growth.

With big smiles, Randy and Stephanie turn and look at each other.

"We love what we do," Stephanie said. "We love selling bikes."

Most importantly, he says, the discussion includes the question, "Are you going to be happy with this in 20 years?"

"You have to separate the tattooing."

The primary tattoo artist at the shop, Randy, used to have a career as a chef at several different restaurants.

His recipes once consisted of oil and seasonings, but today his ingredients include ink and human skin.

Becoming a tattoo artist was always an aspiration.

"At that time, there was no discussion about doing all this but it was always in the background," Randy said.

Requests are currently high for barbwire tattoos, but before work even begins, Randy talks things over with the customer going over the design and location of the tattoo.

"We first started out as a tattoo

and piercing shop and at that time we decided that we would incorporate skateboards," Stephanie said.

Bells give a weak jingle as the front door opens.

Customers boasting all types of interests make their way into the shop on a daily basis. Some have bikes and no tattoos, others tattoos and no bikes, then there are those who both.

As convenient as it may be to have the many options offered at the store, running Metals Edge is no easy task.

"It is kind of difficult to incorporate some of the market sometimes," Stephanie said sipping a cup of coffee.

The tattooing side of the business is really personal; the majority of our business that get tattoos usually

just have to keep going back to the

shop at night.

They weren't strangers to the business ownership world; Randy and Stephanie owned a coffee shop in Boone, Iowa before moving to Maryville.

"We opened our business without much money," Stephanie said. "We just kept working at it where Randy could come and work full time. It gets stressful at times, you just have to keep going back to the

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OUR VIEW

Graduate job seekers should keep minds open

It's that time of the trimester again: when we give a hearty send-off to the lucky few expecting graduation.

For some of the staff at the Missourian, graduation is still a far off event, somewhere in the hazy future. For many, though, it's a little closer to home. From those of us also looking nervously into the murky future, be reassured that you are not alone. From our graduating seniors to you, here's a little advice.

Start searching early and keep it at

Hopefully you've already started applying for jobs. If you haven't landed the right one yet, don't lose heart. At the same time, don't put it off.

It could be easy to slip into complacency. For the first time in a long time, you won't have to answer to anyone. That kind of freedom can go to your head.

The best advice is to treat a job search like a full time job. Get up early. Spend nine to five looking through want ads, brushing up your resume, writing cover letters, sending out resumes and making follow-up phone calls. If you sleep in past noon, than that might only give you a few hours before most offices close up and personnel directors go home. Use your time to your best advantage.

Look for jobs off the beaten track

Look at the job market realistically. Think about what kind of things people will always need. If you're an artist, now may not be the best time to decide to try to live off your art. That doesn't mean you can't find practical applications for your talents. Design logos for your neighbor's small business, or create cool letterheads for your friends' resumes. The word for this is freelance, and it can be very lucrative.

The only trouble with freelance is it can be hard to get started, and the work is not terribly steady. So start with your friends and family, or put up fliers in coffee shops or on craigslist.com. You can market for pretty much any skill. Took five years of French? Try tutoring. Have at least a high school degree or some college? Substitute teach.

Don't look down your nose

Remember, no job is too small for consideration. That doesn't mean you have to lower your standards. Just try expanding your expectations. That corner office, \$500,000-a-year job with a company car is not going to come lay itself at your feet.

Be willing to do almost anything. Employers admire that. No one wants to hire some slot-nosed graduate who's too good to pitch in, doesn't make copies and would die before they fetched coffee. Nobody is too good to fetch coffee. Employers like people with team spirits, people who are willing to work hard and get the job done. At no point should you compromise your morals or your dignity. But nobody rewards the rewards without sacrifice.

Consider jobs that maybe are technically beneath your new education. Everybody has to start somewhere. Try a job that's not your dream one, especially if you really like the company and see your dream job somewhere in its ranks.

This is not coming from a person who has experience on their side. This is merely the advice we have: the real world from our view.

MY VIEW

GOP virtually silenced with new government

The U.S. will definitely see change, whether it's because President-Elect Obama will soon be in the Oval Office or that his surrounding forces have an unbelievable majority of Democrats over Republicans. There is no doubt America will be a Democratic nation for at least the next four years; not only have the people chosen a liberal congress, but Obama has also selected a Democratic cabinet.

The landslide in the presidential election can illustrate how loud the nation's voice is shouting for change. The change didn't stop in the presidential election; it spread into votes for Congress. Typically, the majority of seats in the Senate reflect slightly to the president-elect's party, respectively. This election took the

typical outcome of a party's seats at an extreme level. Could Obama's presidency be bettered if there was more balance between Democratic and Republican seats in the Senate? Would it matter?

If Minnesota and Georgia elected a Democrat as their Senator, they would control the 60 seats needed for a filibuster-proof majority. This means the minority party would not be able to block votes on legislation. In theory, this could give the Democrats a free-reign in the Senate.

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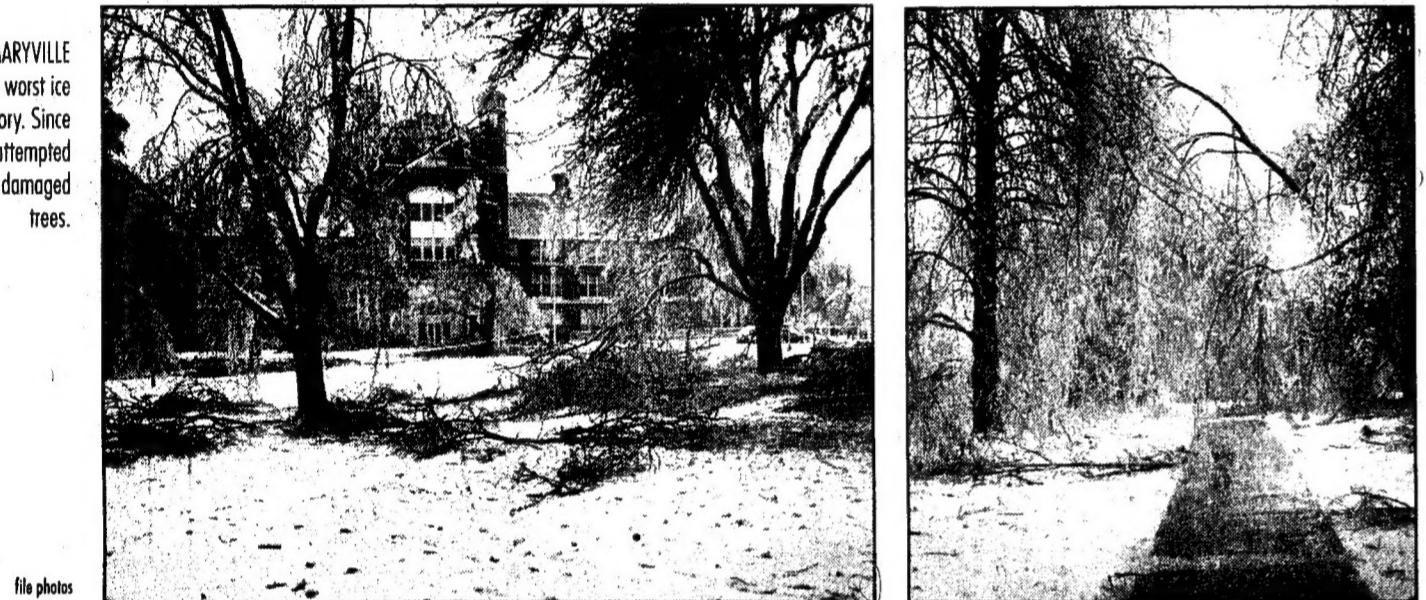
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LAST DECEMBER MARYVILLE was hit by one of the worst ice storms in recent history. Since then Northwest has attempted to replant and repair damaged trees.



Northwest still recovering from ice 1 year later

By Lisa Houtchens
University News Editor

Dec. 10, 2007, was a day that changed campus.

The day after the ice storm, debris from trees littered northwest Missouri, live power lines lay in yards and the Missouri Arboretum was badly damaged.

Northwest is home to the Missouri Arboretum, which has more than 130 species of trees on the campus.

Even with the damage the storm did to the Missouri Arboretum, it gives Environmental Services the chance to diversify now that there is room on campus.

One year after the storm, campus has begun to recover, Environmental Services Associate Director Leezee Johnson said.

There were 79 trees had to be removed after the storm had initially hit. After Environmental Services evaluated the campus, 21 more trees had to be removed.

There are about five to 10 trees that haven't responded well to all of the pruning. Horticulturist and Certified Arborist Adam Stone said.

Environmental Services expects more damage to occur over the next few years due to the age of the trees and the severity of the damage that occurred last year, he said.

"We do expect more damage to occur later on through the next couple of years because a lot of these older trees were stripped of most of their foliage and it takes a lot of energy for the foliage to come out. Therefore it hurts the tree," Stone said. "Even though the tree looked good this year, next year they might not come in as well."

With President Dean Hubbard's six phase recovery that included clearing hazardous debris and removing destroyed trees. Tree stump removal was also planned and the fourth and fifth phases were to begin planting

more trees. More than 337 commemorative trees were donated along with money donated for the initiative. Many of the trees planted were used as memorials and others were just a kind gesture to the University, Johnson said.

"I was really astonished that so many people were so concerned about the arboretum and that they wanted to help us by donating a tree," Johnson said.

Project Plant-A-Tree started last spring, a fund raising event that the Northwest Foundation started in order to raise money, planted 107 trees. New species of trees were introduced into the Missouri Arboretum this year. If all goes according to plan, more than 200 of the 337 trees donated will be planted by the middle of December, Johnson said.

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With all of the new trees being planted, it will be the youngest growing class making the oldest growing class of trees decrease.

Some of the new trees being phased into the arboretum are Yoshino cherry trees and elm trees that are resistant to Dutch elm disease caused by a fungus transmitted by two species of bark beetles or root grafting, Johnson said.

"It is really important to have trees in all of the age groups," Johnson said. "It is really important in an arboretum to always be planting trees because there is always something taking trees away."

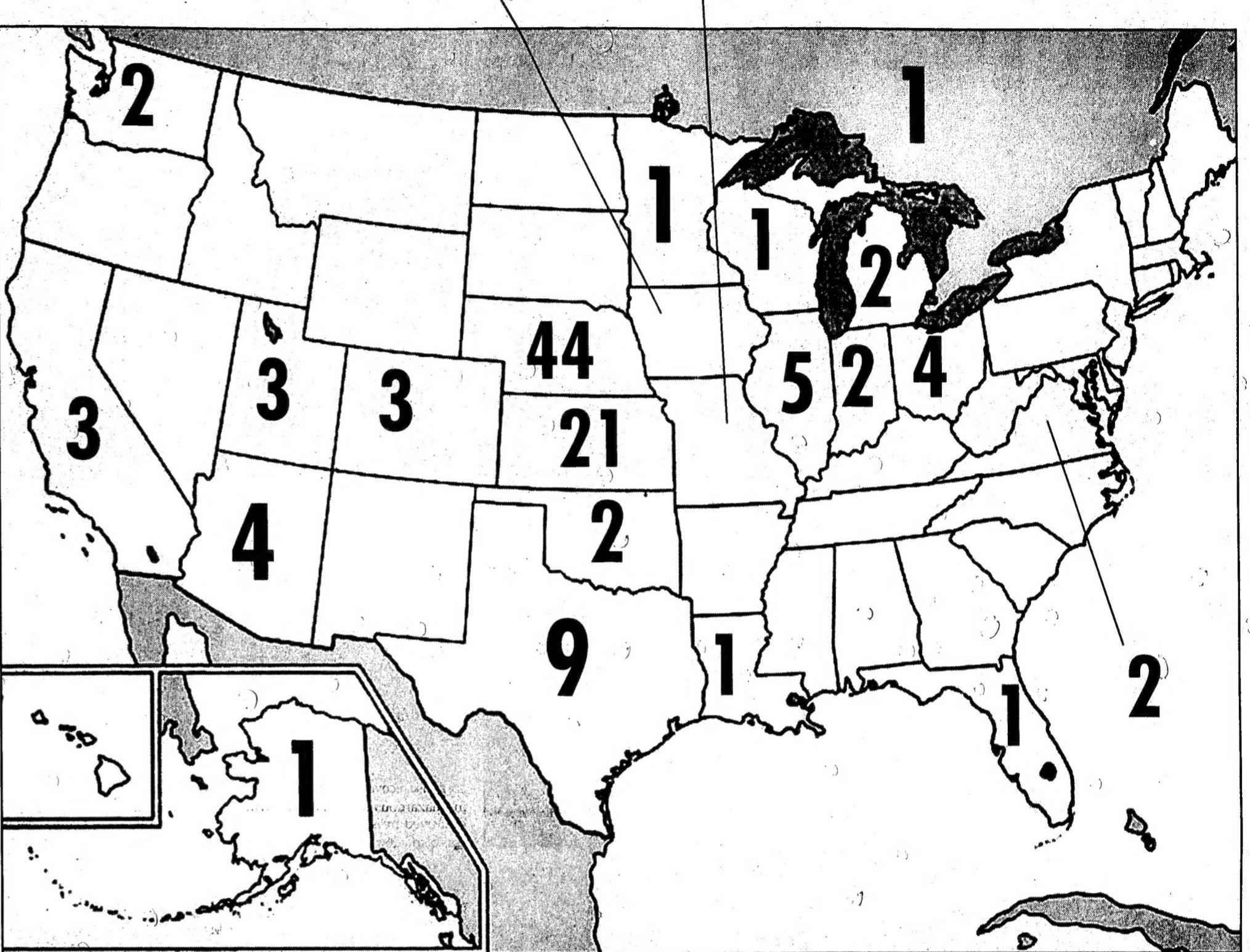
There are more than 200 trees already planted and more to be planted in the following years.

"More are on the way," Stone said. "And that is going to continue for years now adding trees as we (campus) grow."

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Bearcats around the world

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'Cats take athletes from afar

By Marcus Meade
Sports Editor

Three planes, 10 flight hours and a whole lot of layovers: that's what it takes for Northwest tennis player Daniel Usieto to visit his parents.

Of course, Usieto, a native of Barcelona, Spain, had a choice. He didn't have to go to school 4,776 miles from home, but it was the drive to compete, to keep playing the sport he loves that brought athletes from near and far to Northwest.

"I just wanted to compete a little bit longer," Usieto said. "If you study there (Spain), you don't have too much time to play tennis."

Usieto certainly isn't alone. Of Northwest's 362 athletes, 159 come from out of state and 51 from outside the quad state area.

A majority of Usieto's own teammates are from outside the U.S., two from Brazil, one from South Africa and one from India. All totaled, eight Bearcat athletes came from outside the country.

Most of those athletes play for tennis coach Mark Rosewell who makes it a point to recruit foreign players.

"Most of them, they don't have college tennis at their universities," Rosewell said. "So, they're all wanting to come to the United States so they can keep playing. If they stay in their country either they're going to go professional, or there's no more tennis."

How does Rosewell do it? The Internet and word of mouth. Many of Rosewell's foreign players had siblings or friends who played for Northwest. Usieto however came to Northwest via an agency that finds colleges for foreign players to attend.

In Spain, Usieto's options were limited. College there have no sports teams, so he could either become a professional, which he admitted he wasn't ready to do, or play as a hobby. He, of course, chose option C, come to the U.S.

"I wanted to improve my English, and I think I

door," Steinmeyer said. "The hard part is getting to them quickly ... For Division II, you don't get hardly any out-state high school seniors unless it's a neighboring state."

In McElroy's case, Steinmeyer utilized former Northwest men's basketball player Lance Sullivan as a contact. Sullivan was a high school classmate and friend of McElroy's and knew she had talent and no place to play after junior college. He told Steinmeyer about her, and that got the ball rolling.

Often times recruiting nationally comes down to who a coach knows. Head football coach Mel Tjeerdema has found great success with players like Kendall Wright and Jeremy Davis who came from Texas, a state known as a high school football factory. As a former coach in the state of Texas, Tjeerdema has contacts who can draw his attention to certain players from the area, but at the same time he knows he can't really thrive at the national level.

"In Texas, we do take a small area of Texas, but again most of that's based on recommendations from other coaches," Tjeerdema said. "We can't afford to bring in too many kids from a distance because when you bring them in for a visit there's a flight involved, and you have to pay for a flight and all those things, and we just can't do that. So, it does limit us in some of the things we can do."

Once players choose to attend Northwest, they then face the difficult task of leaving friends, family and familiarity behind.

"My father was kind of upset," Usieto said. "You can imagine, it's hard to leave your house and your family and all your friends and everything you know basically and go so far away to study. So, it was hard."

Even for McElroy, moving from Ohio to Maryville took some getting used to, but her teammates made the transition a little easier, she said.

Usieto agreed. Two of the female tennis players are also from Spain. That, his outgoing personality and American openness allowed him to make friends quickly, he said.

With one year remaining, Usieto has begun to think about the decision all out of country 'Cats must face. Should he stay or should he go?

"I'll try to find a (graduate assistantship) as an assistant coach, so tennis can be part of my life," Usieto said. "I'll always try to play, either as a hobby or with friends or however. I just want to still play."

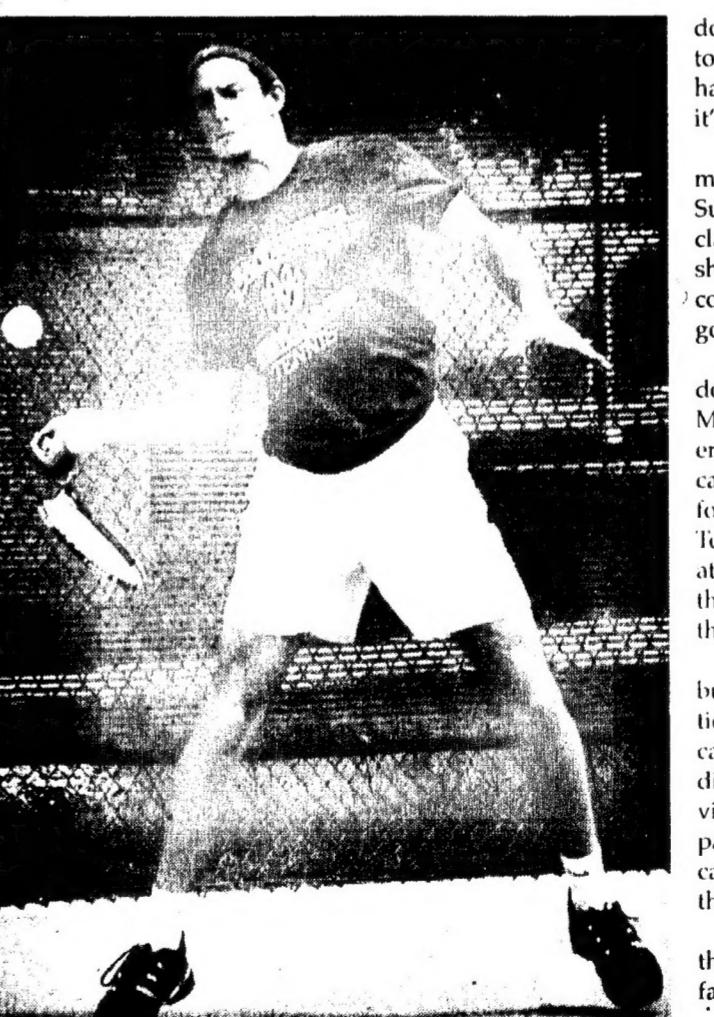


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By Marshall Carlson
Missourian Reporter



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Senior Maggie McManigal didn't set out wanting to become a collegiate runner.

From Colorado Springs, Colo., she competes in cross country and track and field here, and has been participating in both sports for the past 10 years.

McManigal's reasoning for joining the sports is fairly common and practical.

"I wanted to stay in shape for soccer so I started running," she said. "Turned out I kind of liked it."

McManigal wanted to attend a college within a day's drive from her home in Colorado, so she looked up Northwest, came out for a visit, and loved it. She also thought it was pretty cool that her mom liked it, which helped.

On Christmas Eve, she and her mother traveled together with all the relatives to a celebration where they ate pizza, just fish and pasta.

Christmas, Kiss and her mother would usually travel to places like Florida and the Mayan Islands.

Canadian Thanksgiving is also a tradition that Kiss and her mother celebrate quite similarly.

During the break this winter, she plans on traveling back to Colorado to be with her family and then head out to New York City for New Year's.

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Top 5 picks

By Brian Johnson
Entertainment Reporter

Coming to Theaters: "Cadillac Records" hits theaters tomorrow. The film is directed by Darnell Martin who has directed episodes of "Law and Order" and "Grey's Anatomy" and stars Adrienne Brody ("The Pianist") and Beyoncé Knowles ("Dreamgirls"). It follows the legendary singers that recorded for Chess Records, such as Etta James (Knowles) and the leader of the label, Leonard Chess (Brody). Keep an eye out for Jeffrey Wright ("W") as the legendary guitarist Muddy Waters.

New Album Hitting Stores: "Circus" by Britney Spears hit stores Tuesday. With her tumultuous days behind her, Britney Spears is back and better than ever with this new album. The first single "Womanizer" has already provided some infectious pop material and a steamy music video. Personal life aside, Spears has always been able to put out entertaining albums and I'm sure this one will be no different.

TV Show to check out: NBC's "My Own Worst Enemy" starring Christian Slater. The show follows a secret agent who has two personalities but has no idea of his affliction. He also has a chip implanted in him that gives his handlers the ability to switch his personalities at random. This Jekyll and Hyde dichotomy is an interesting take on crime drama shows which is much needed on television. Slater has never disappointed in past roles and he is no disappointment in this show.

New to DVD: "Wanted" hit stores Tuesday. This summer hit starring Angelina Jolie ("Mr. and Mrs. Smith") about a secret society of assassins is sure to quell any action film buff's tastes. The film follows an ordinary 20-something in a dead-end job who is recruited by Morgan Freeman. What follows is a cleverly shot thrill ride with amazing cinematography, a clever script and a great twist.



New song to check out: "Human" by The Killers. This latest installment from the synth-pop band is sure to please any who are fans of their "Hot Fuss" days. This is the first single off of their latest album "Day and Age" which was released on Nov. 24.

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Your Man hates wet pants

With winter comes many beautiful things, such as festive lighting on homes around town and jolly ole St. Nick's face plastered everywhere you go.

Another thing that comes with winter that isn't so happy and great? Freaking snow.

Sure, it's pretty and fluffy and nice to look at from time to time, but seriously, it sucks. It's cold, wet and slushy, and to be honest, Your Man doesn't find anything enjoyable about those three things when they are together.

Picture this: you're walking to class, minding your own business, when all of a sudden, you can't feel your feet anymore. They're soaked, and the bottoms of your pants are now completely disgusting from all the slush that has accumulated from the winter wonderland.

Now, Your Man does find it nice to look at sometimes, like when it's on TV. I don't have a problem with it when it's seen from a distance or when it's necessary, like on Christmas, but that's it. It should snow once a year and it should be Dec. 25, beginning at midnight.

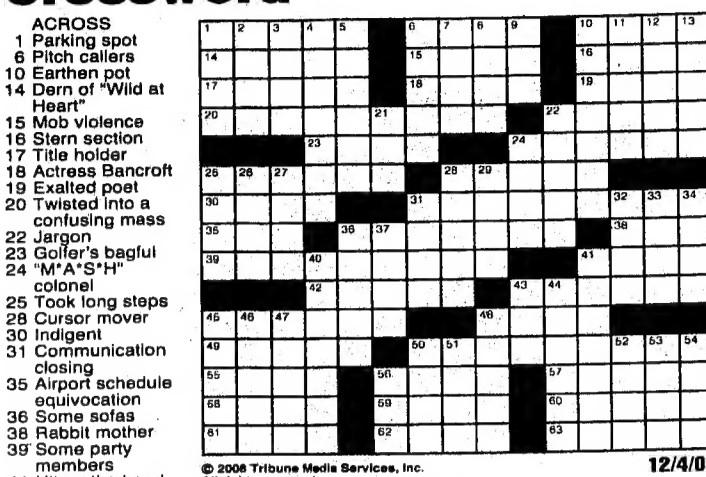
If it only snowed on Christmas, everyone would be a big bundle of joy because we'd have our cliché white Christmas and we wouldn't have to trek across this fine campus in all of the sickness of slush and snow. As long as it melts before classes start back up in January, things will be fantastic.

Not only does that stupid white stuff suck, the excess cold winds could be doing just as well. Luckily



The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Crossword



REVIEW

Editor thinks 'Twilight' movie lives up to hype; follows original story

By Sydney Moore
Features Editor

I, like a few million other females, want my very own Edward Cullen for Christmas.

Over the summer, I fell madly in love with the books – everything from the characters to the detailed love story to the angry fight scene had me intrigued from page one.

When I heard the popular book by Stephanie Meyer was being made into a movie, I could hardly contain my excitement. I was anxious to see who would portray Bella Swan, which Hollywood hot-

tie would fill the beautiful shoes of Cullen and how they would go about cramming 500 pages into a two-hour movie.

Over Thanksgiving break, I saw the movie not once, but twice, and I thought it was great. Sure, there were parts left out. I would have liked to see, like the budding relationship between Bella and Edward's biology class takes.

I've heard it over and over since the movie was released, about how terrible the adaptation was because

Jessica Stanley, but overall I think it was fine without them.

Although some aspects of the book were left out, a few new things were added in the film. A dinner where Bella and her father were frequent customers was an addition, along with a trip Bella and Edward's biology class takes.

I've heard it over and over since the movie was released, about how terrible the adaptation was because

it wasn't 100 percent true to the book. Don't get me wrong, I'm like any other "Twilight" fanatic, but I also understand it's just a movie adaptation. Of course things can't always end up dead on from the book, but audiences have to keep in mind not everyone seeing the movie has read the book yet. And Patterson had the hot immortal thing down perfectly.

As for those who don't agree, I hope they give "New Moon" a second chance when it is released in 2010, because I think Pattinson and Stewart are going to be back and ready to improve their already wonderful performances.

REVIEW

Staffer disappointed; 'Twilight' movie a far stretch from first hit book

By Rachel Fair
Missourian Reporter

If you're going to turn a bestseller into a movie, don't you think you should at least try not to screw it up?

"Twilight," the ever-popular vampire/human love story by Stephanie Meyer, was recently released into the arenas of the long-awaited movie. The outcome? Well, let's just say if you're a fan of the book series, you will most likely be disappointed.

Basically, the script writers just took the most popular phrases from

the book and threw them in whenever they pleased. There was a dinner that most of the scenes were set in – hmm, pretty sure there was no dinner in the book, thank you. And what's with that school trip? Do you honestly think five vampire kids – one of which was having a tough time adjusting to the atmosphere as it was – would sit on a school bus with a bunch of humans? Probably not, this is why Meyer B didn't have it in the book.

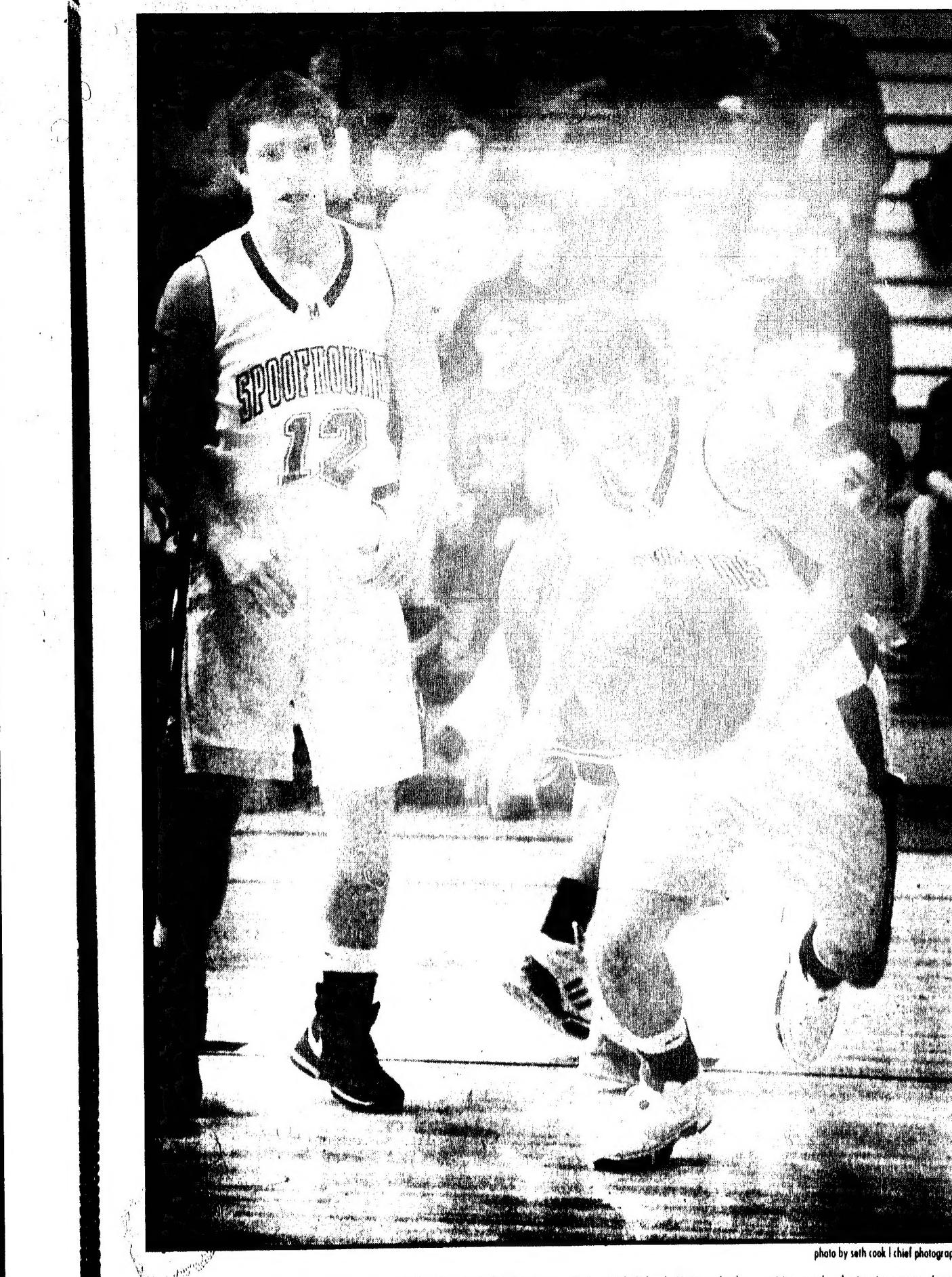
Now, it is understandable when a popular fandom-creating series, such as "Twilight" and "Harry Potter" is

turmed into a movie, it is not going to be exactly the same. Fans understand that you can't fit 500 pages worth of amazing literature into a two hour movie. We know this. But at the same time, if you're going to turn our favorite book into a cinematic pleasure, can't you at least stick to the script. Cut some things if you have to, but don't tear up the script, throw in some things here and there, in the wrong places – and expect the fandom to find you amazing. We don't.

Now, the cast wasn't that bad. Robert Pattinson played the perfect

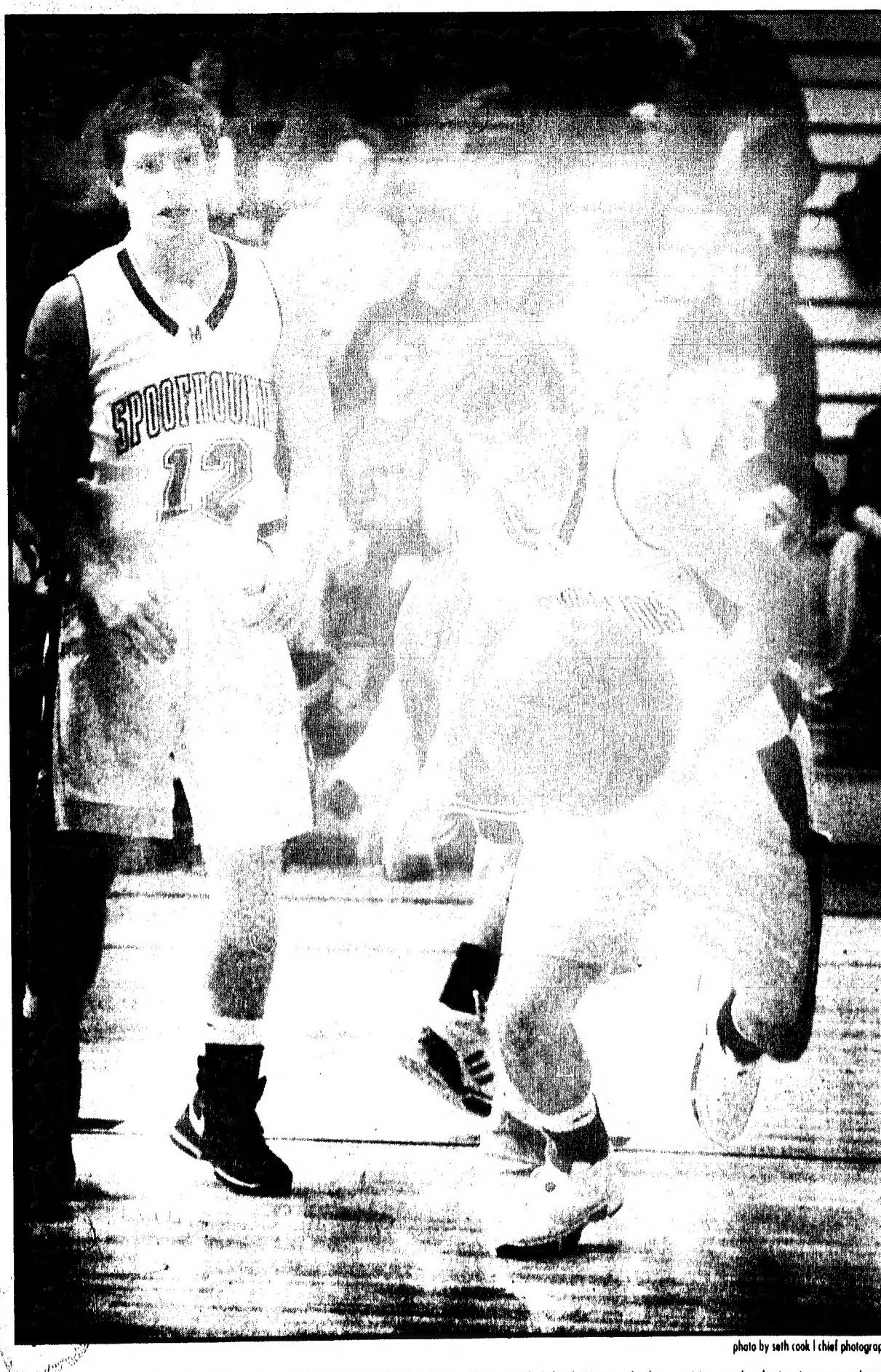
hunk-a-licious vampire of every girl's dream with flying colors. Bella Swan was played by Kristen Stewart, who actually did a pretty decent job. At first, a lot of fans (myself included) weren't too pleased with her casting, because Bella was supposed to be soft, small, everything breakable – and Stewart seems angular, tough. It just didn't feel like a good fit at all.

Instead, Stewart blew through it wonderfully. There were moments when she freaked out a little too much, too early, but other than that, she filled out the character of Bella pretty well. because that's what real fans do.

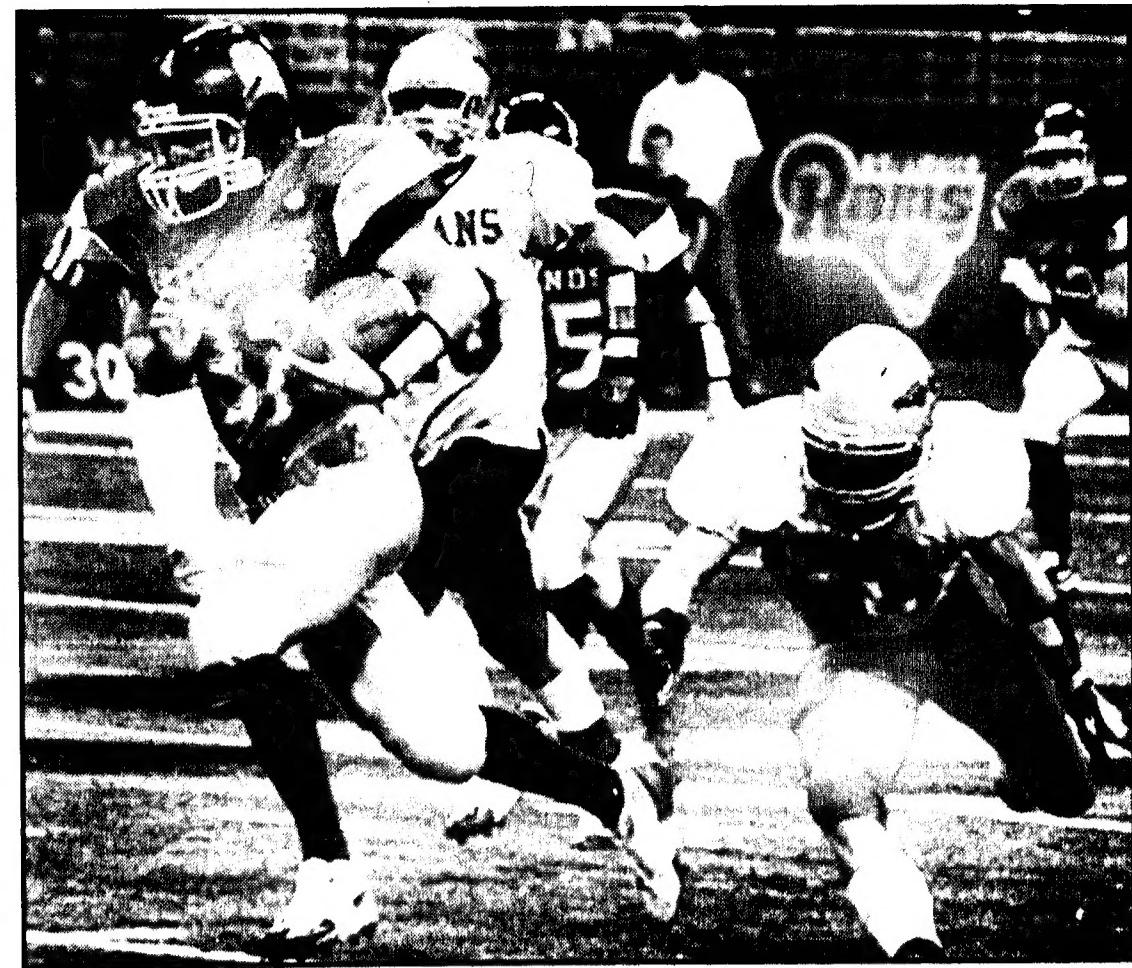


SENIOR HUNTER HENRY gets a hold on the ball against a Central Bible defender. Henry and the Bearcats destroyed Central Bible 78-38 meaning Henry only played 16 minutes. In those minutes, he managed 15 points and nine rebounds.

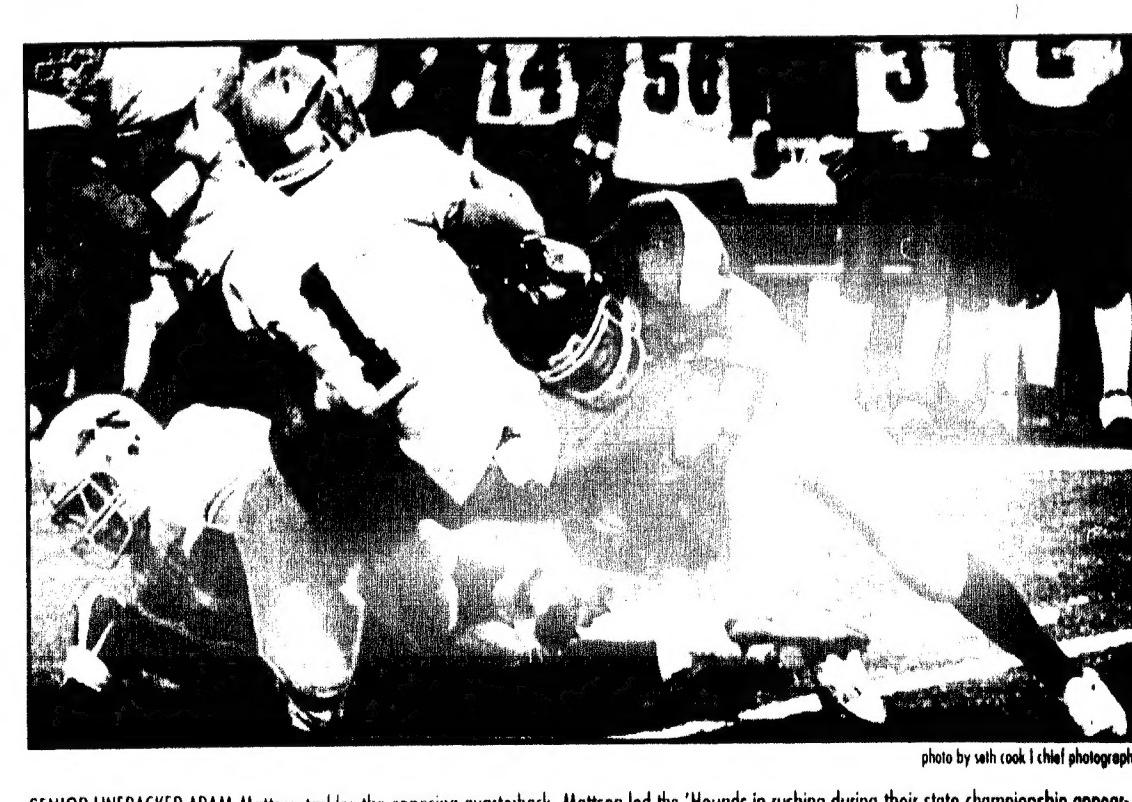
THIS WEEK IN SPORTS



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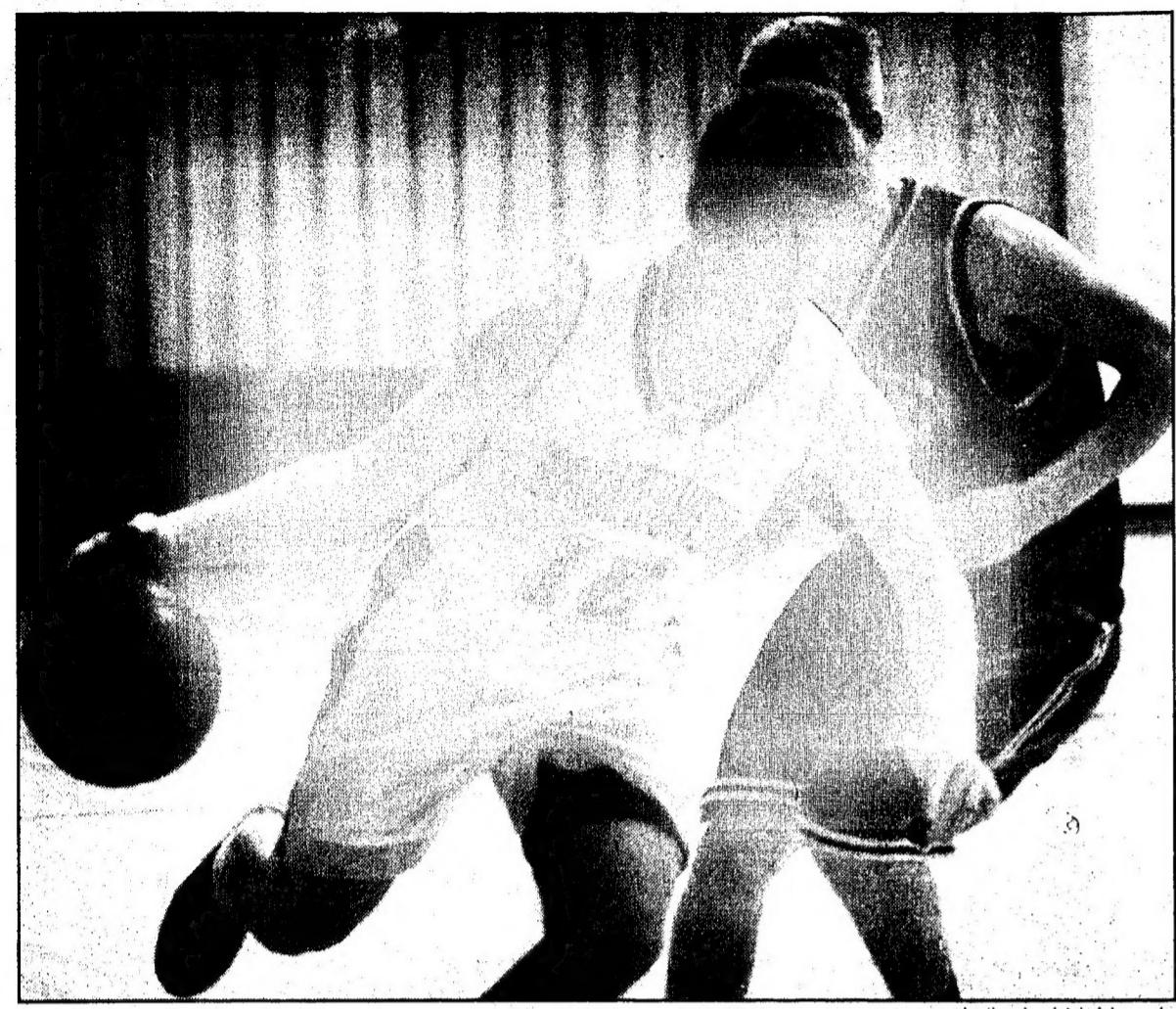


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SENIOR GUARD ADAM Mattson hustles for a stray ball in Tuesday's 51-45 win over Staley High School. Mattson had an exciting week, playing in a state championship game Saturday and making it back to the basketball court for the Spookhounds' opening game of the Savannah Tournament Tuesday.

BASKETBALL



SENIOR GUARD JOE Jasinski drives past a Staley defender Tuesday in the Spoofhounds 51-45 victory in the first round of the Savannah Tournament. The 'Hounds will play their second round game at 8:30 p.m. tonight in Savannah.

FOOTBALL: Boys fall despite tough defense

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The 'Hounds' defense battered the Indians' ball carriers with a series of big hits.

Maryville's defense played more physical, and hit harder than any team Clark Co. had seen this year, Allen said.

Senior defensive back Derek Johns delivered a crucial hit in the third quarter to disrupt a sure touchdown pass from down fourth from the Maryville five-yard-line to keep the score tied 7-7.

"That gave everybody a huge lift," senior quarterback Joe Jasinski

said. "We haven't allowed a score in the third quarter all year and we just kept it going."

Despite Farmer producing his longest run of the game on the next play to move the 'Hounds out of the shadow of their own goalpost, the offense sputtered and punted the ball back to Clark Co., and would get just one more chance to produce a score.

Like they have done all season, the combination of Mattson and Farmer were responsible for most of Maryville's offense. The pair accounted for 363 of the 'Hounds' 420 all-purpose yards.

Mattson accumulated nearly 199 all-purpose yards in the game. He returned a kickoff 13 yards, and ran for 186 including the 'Hounds' only touchdown on a one-yard run in the third quarter.

Farmer added 164 all-purpose yards. He ran for 64, caught a 12-yard pass, and had 88 yards on returns.

Zach Sherry anchored the 'Hounds' sturdy defense with seven solo tackles and two for losses. Jasinski also totaled seven tackles with one for a loss.

Maryville finished the 2008 season 13-2, district champions and Class 2 state runner-ups.

Riding the wave of last season's success, Holt and the 'Hounds set their sights not just on the playoffs but on bringing home a state championship.

After blazing through the playoffs, Maryville came up four yards short of the school's second state championship. Coming so close to the championship, only to come up short has made the young coach even more determined to get back to the Edward Jones Dome.

"I always told people I wanted to be in the championship game at least once," Holt said. "Now I've been there, so now I'm mad and I want to go back and win one. It was one of the most disappointing

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Snow has already taken the measures to help solidify Holt's status as the coach of the Spoofhounds.

"No he's not going anywhere," Snow said with a wry smile. "We've guaranteed him the offensive coordinator's paycheck if he decides to leave."

Having found a place he enjoys living and coaching, Holt's ambitions right now are simple.

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The beginning of the season brought its ups and downs, senior Micaela Uriell said.

"We have a lot of new faces," Uriell said. "We're

just one player when facing Washburn, like the MIAA player of the week, Janice Bright, who is averaging 16.3 points a game and 5.7 rebounds."

Northwest began conference play Wednesday at No. 10 Emporia State. Results were unavailable at press time.

It doesn't get any easier for the 'Cats as they stay on the road to face the No. 2 team in the country, Washburn.

Emporia and Washburn are both great teams, but they are completely different, Steinmeyer said. He knows playing Emporia, the 'Cats have to contain Cassandra Boston and Ida Edwards or else they will have their hands full.

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getting used to playing with each other. We have really good chemistry off the court, which has helped us a lot on the court."

Steinmeyer did take blame to what he called a "mediocre start."

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"They will get another chance at a conference foe on Saturday as they stay on the road going up against Washburn."

"Our first three games on the road against three very good conference school," Meyer said. "We're hoping to come together as a team. Road wins are uncommon, you're out on the road, you're playing on another teams floor, you

got their crowd and everything it can really bring a team together. That's what we need right now."

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"Taking the approach game by game and practice by practice the 'Cats hope to be playing their best ball at the end of the season."

"We need to come out every week bringing our 'A' game," Carter said. "If we play hard, communicate well and play as a team our offense and defense will take care of the rest."

SPOOFHOUNDS

PROFILE

Coach sparks turnaround

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

After bouncing around from job to job for a few years, Maryville's fiery head football coach Chris Holt has found success, but still wants more.

Holt transformed a 2-7 Spoofhounds team averaging just 11 points-per-game in 2005 into a 13-2 state runner-up team that averaged 35 points-per-game in 2008.

Holt's transformation of the Hounds didn't arrive overnight though, as the team stumbled to a 4-6 record in his first season. The Hounds won three of their last four games in 2006 and gave Holt hope for the future.

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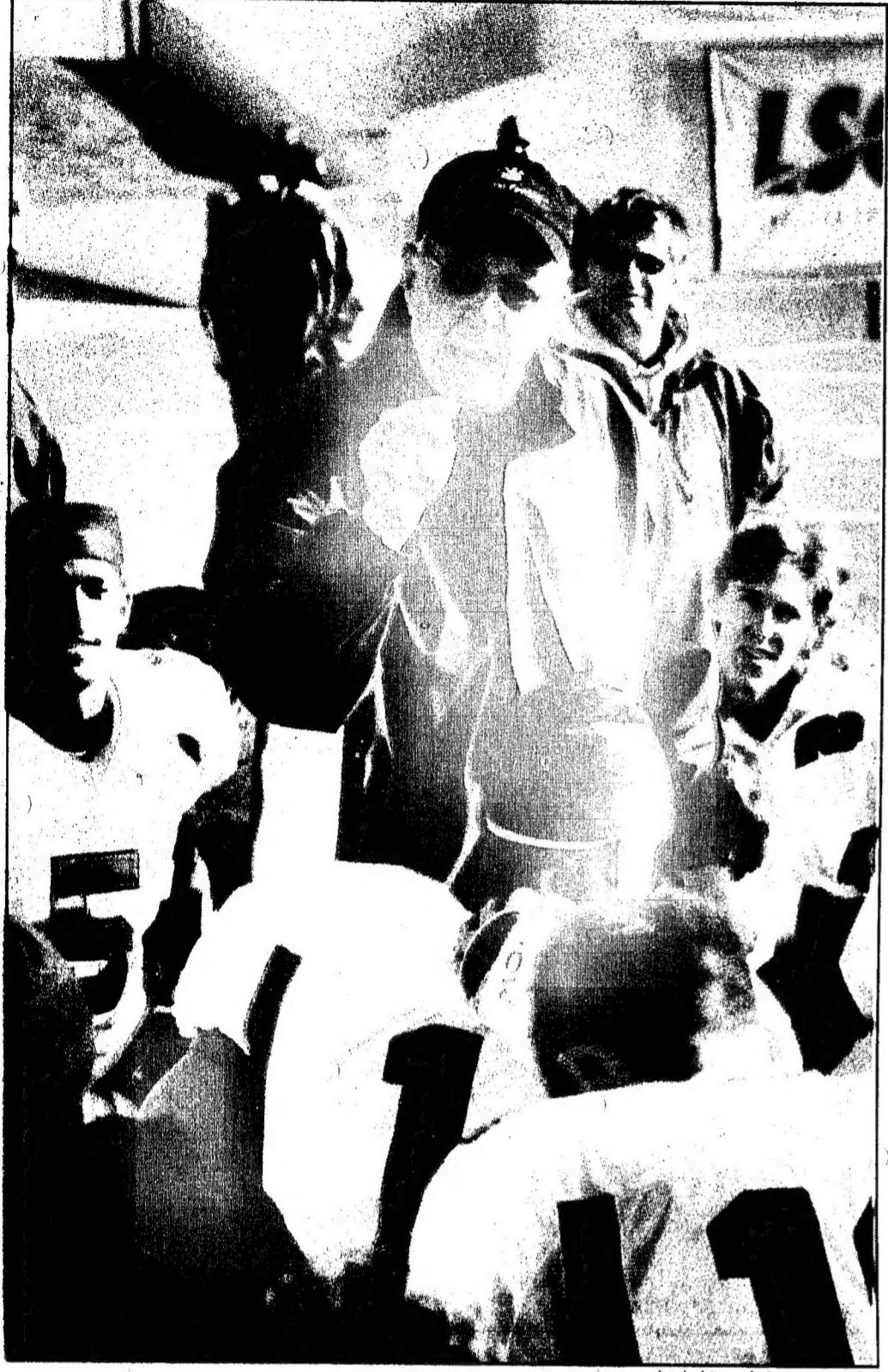


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COACH MEL TJEERDSMA addresses his players after their victory over previously unbeaten Abilene Christian. The win avenges a loss the Bearcats suffered in the first week of their season.

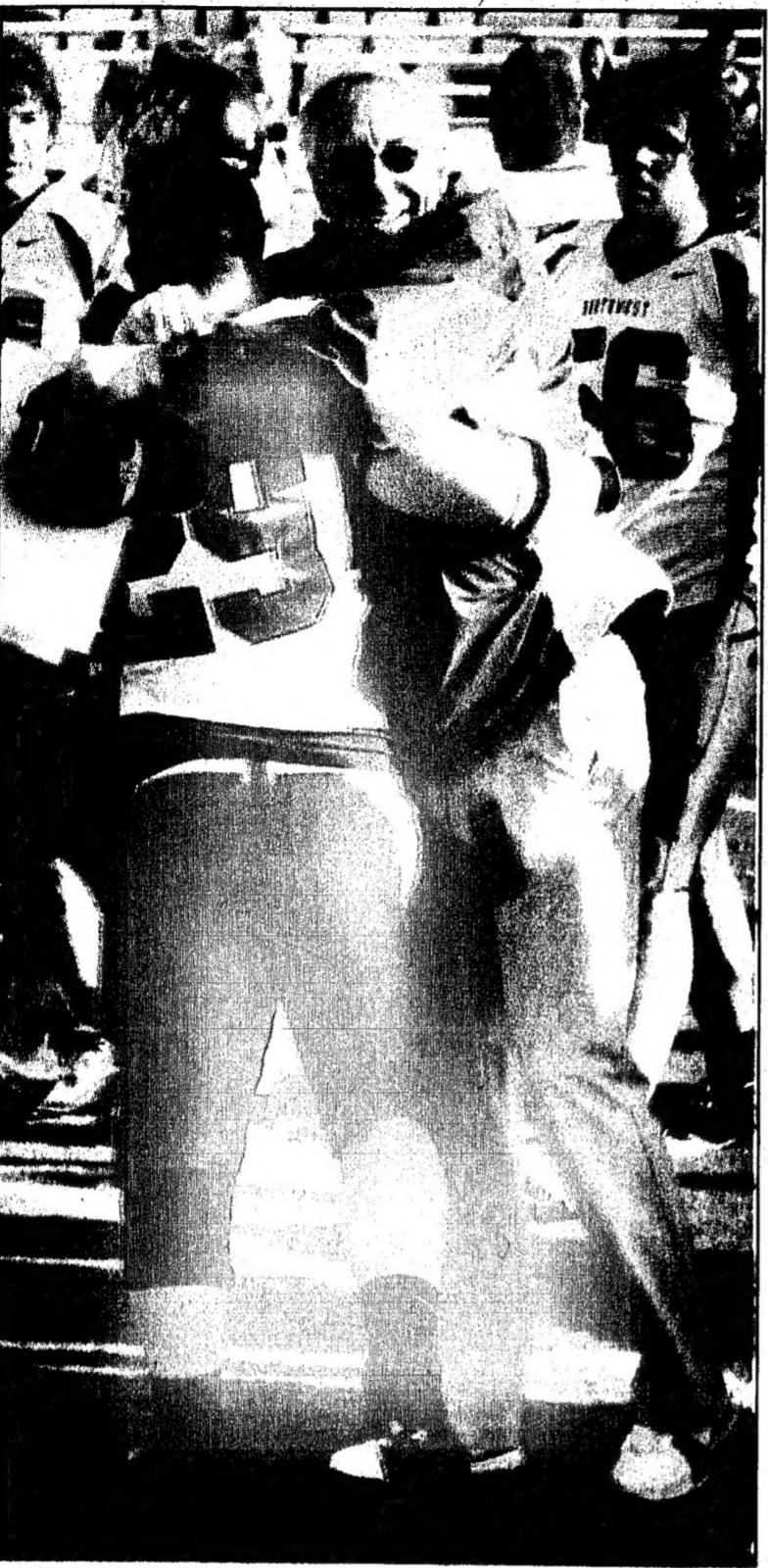


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COACH MEL TJEERDSMA and fullback Brant Gregg embrace after the Bearcats upset the Abilene Christian Wildcats. Gregg got a chance to carry the ball against the Wildcats, picking up a few key first downs.

WIN AND THEY'RE IN

Lions stand in way of 4th trip to Florence

By Marcus Meade
Sports Editor

Last weekend, Northwest defeated Abilene Christian on the road to avenge its only loss of the season and move into the semi finals.

The team they're facing in the semi finals, North Alabama, did it too.

The Lions took down Delta State (Miss.), who beat them earlier this season to rob them of a conference championship. Leading the playoff charge for the Lions is quarterback A.J. Milwee.

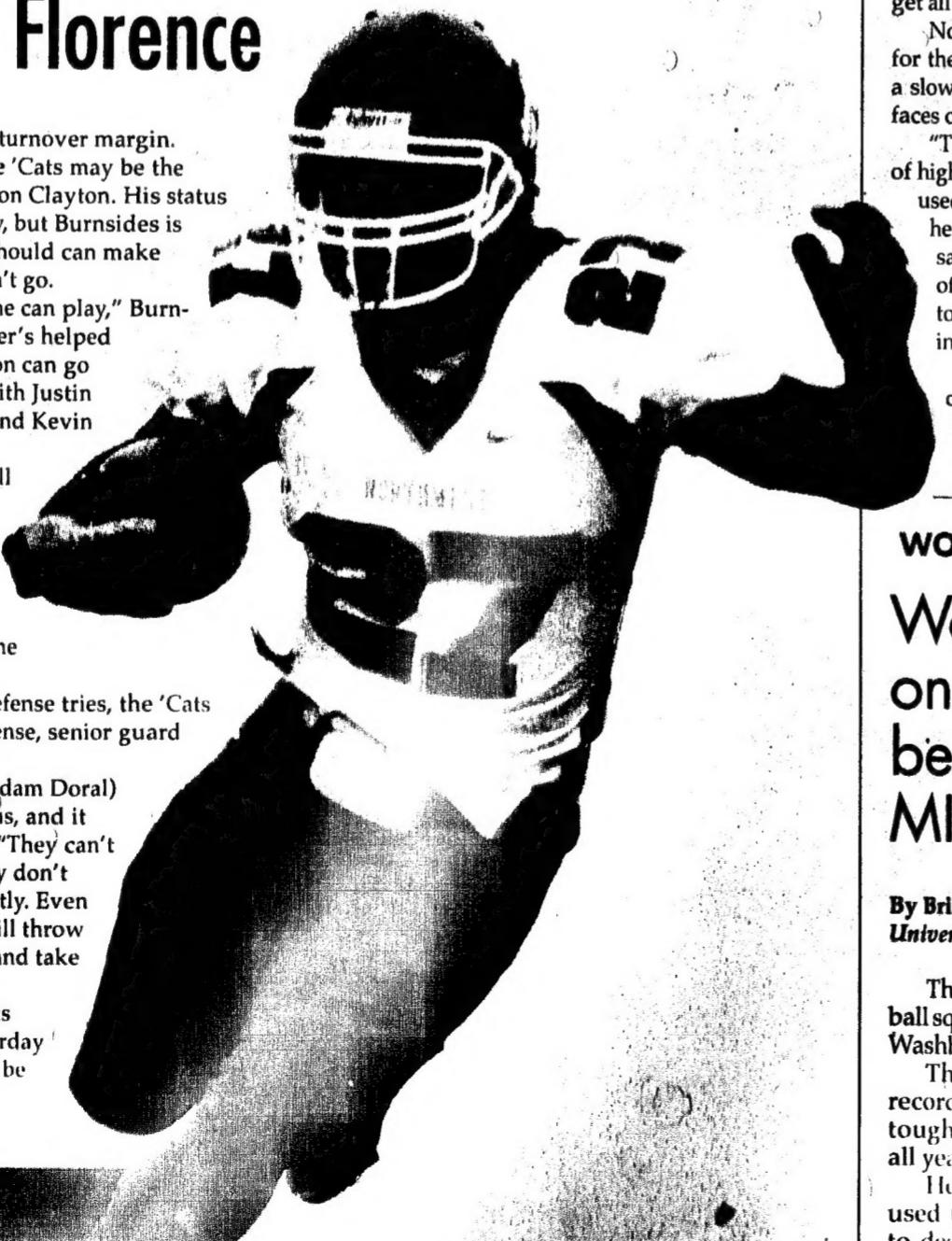
"He's a Harlon Hill finalist, and it definitely shows," junior safety Myles Burnsides said. "He can definitely play. He has a great arm, and he can hurt you more with his feet. He has great speed, and his supporting cast is really good."

Milwee is a dual threat quarterback who leads the team in passing with 3,176 yards through the air and is third in rushing with 221 yards and rushing touchdowns.

The 'Cat defense, which held one of the nation's top offenses to 36 points last Saturday, has experience with athletic quarterbacks. They faced Pittsburg State's Mark Smith twice this season along with Nebraska-Omaha's Zach Miller and Southwest Baptist's Steven Gachette.

"It starts up front with the d-line getting pressure on him," Burnsides said. "Then, kind of rallying to him, and hopefully, the interior d-line not running up field. They can stay put and get underneath and just get pressure on the quarterback so he can't hurt us through the air."

Containing Milwee might come down to forcing him to make mistakes. Turnovers have played an important role in helping the 'Cats win this season, and defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick hopes they will again. Getting the ball away from the Lions has been a tough task



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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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JUNIOR GUARD MIKE Larsen attempts a layup before meeting a Central Bible defender in mid-flight.

Conference play begins with tough Emporia

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

Northwest men's basketball team will begin conference play ranked No. 24 nationally.

The Bearcats will enter the MIAA season with a 3-1 overall record.

This team definitely faces a challenge this year as the 'Cats try to get their 11 new additions to get use to player with one another.

"We have a lot of talent," junior Shawn Carter said. "But that isn't what is going to win us games. We need to develop chemistry and come together as a team. Our individual talent isn't going to win games. It will be our ability to play as a team."

The only three returners are used to the way each other plays the game. They are used to playing together, junior Mike Larsen said. Now the 'Cats need to get all 13 players on the same level.

Northwest is traditionally known for their defensive efforts but has had a slow defensive start will all the new faces on the court.

"These kids whether coming out of high school or junior college are not used to focus on defense like we are here," assistant coach Austin Meyer said. "I think our offense is ahead of our defense which just goes back to where our guys have come from in the past."

The true test for this team will come when adversity is thrown at them, Larsen said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women take on Ichabods, begin tough MIAA season

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

The Northwest women's basketball squares off against No. 2 ranked Washburn Saturday.

The Bearcats will bring a 4-2 record into the game against the toughest opponent they've seen all year.

Head coach Gene Steinmeyer used the word "underachieving" to describe the start of the 'Cats' season.

"When we play well, we play really well," Steinmeyer said. "But when we play bad, it gets pretty bad. There isn't too much in the middle yet."

He is looking for his team to find its identity as conference play begins, referring to the team which

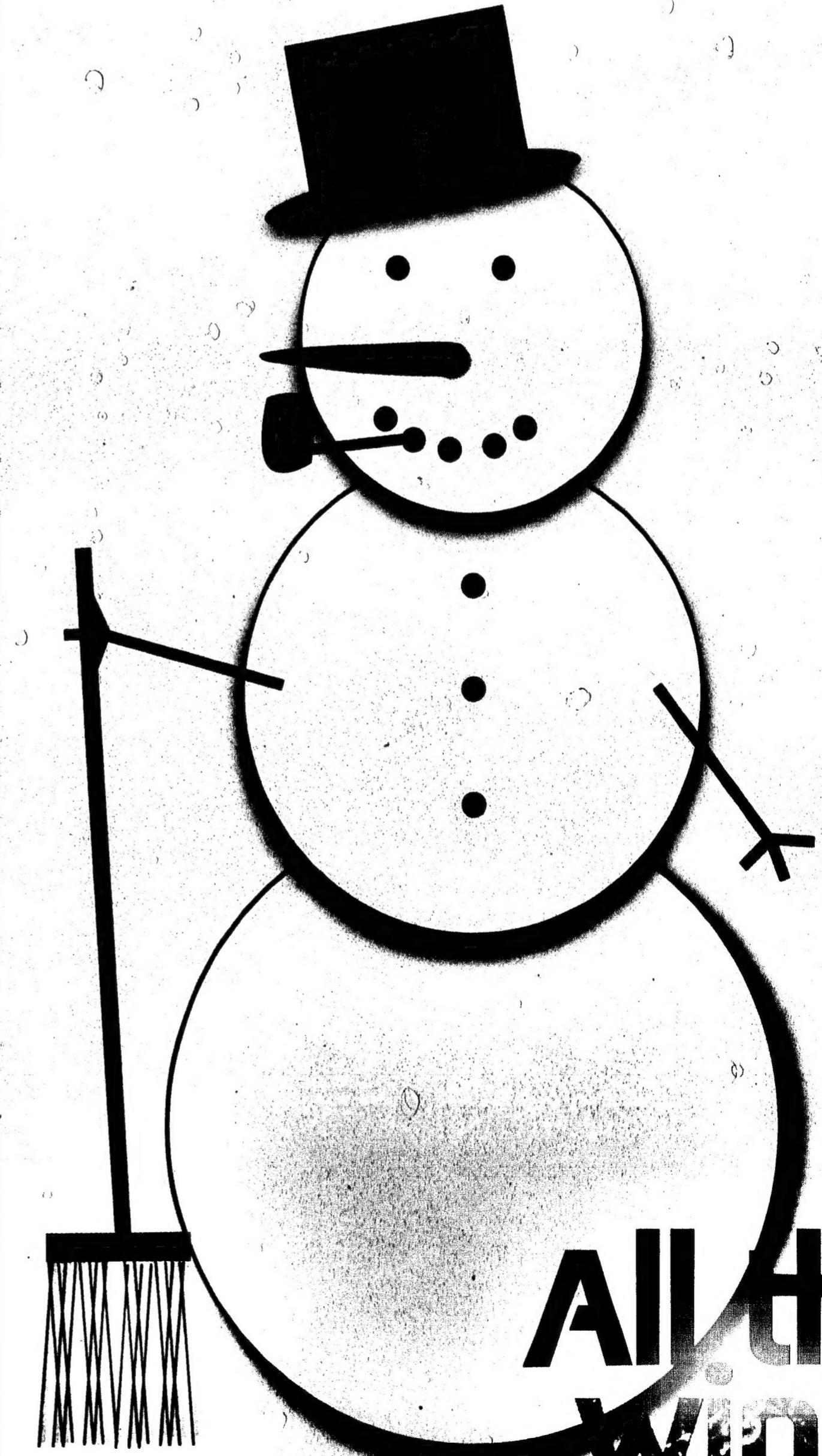
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Your Man isn't quite so holly-jolly this season. Read his special letter to Santa, p. 8



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Local worship services schedule

First Baptist:
Christmas Cantata - Dec. 21 at 10:45 a.m.
Christmas Eve service - Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church:
Christmas Cantata - Dec. 7 at 10:25 a.m.
Children's Service - Dec. 14 at 10:25 a.m.
Candlelight Christmas Eve service - Dec. 24 at 7 p.m., 11 p.m.

First Presbyterian:
Candlelight Christmas Eve service - Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church:
Candles and Carols - Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
"Christmas Around the World" family event - Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve service - Dec. 24 at 5:30, 8 p.m.

Laura Street Baptist Church:
"The Christmas Offering" musical - Dec. 7 at 8:15, 10:40 a.m.
Children's program - Dec. 21 at 10:15 a.m.

Coffeehouse - Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.
Christmas Eve service - Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

St. Gregory's Catholic Church:

Christmas Eve Mass - Dec. 24 at 4, 6 and 10 p.m.
Christmas morning service - Dec. 25 at 9 a.m.

Community of Faith Assembly of God:
Children's Program - Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.
"A Christmas Celebration" musical - Dec. 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Countryside Christian Church:
Christmas Eve service - Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church:
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Feaste helps kick off holiday season

By Sydney Moore
Features Editor

performances by the Northwest vocal ensemble, the Madraliers, along with the Recorder Consort and Royale Brass Quintet.

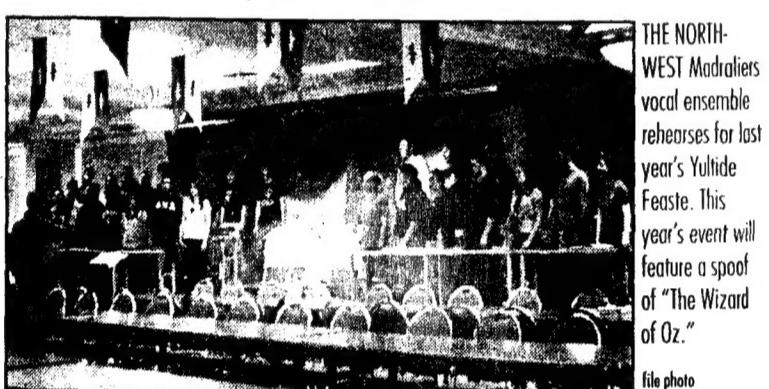
Also performing for the third year, the Northwest Theatre Department will perform a play.

Tickets for the Feaste are on sale now on the first floor of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building, for \$27.95.

"You can buy tickets with cash, checks, you can charge them to University accounts, credit cards or you can use your Aladine money that's left over," Lainer said. "If you've got that extra money there that you're know you're going to lose anyway, come and bring a friend, impress somebody, bring them to the Yuletide Feaste. It's a fantastic date."

"And everyone gets to toast," Lainer adds. "And of course, lots of wonderful eating. We will have lots of great food."

The menu for this year's event

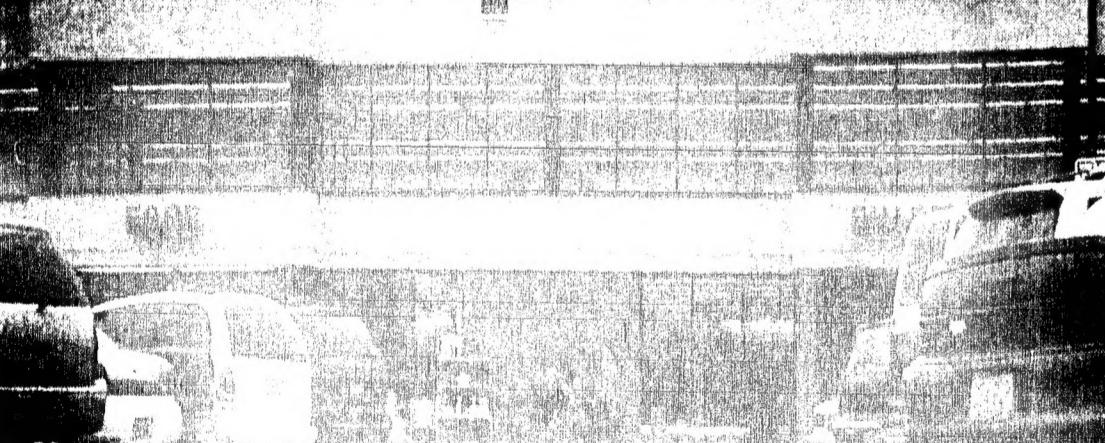


THE NORTHWEST Madraliers vocal ensemble rehearses for last year's Yuletide Feaste. This year's event will feature a spoof of "The Wizard of Oz."

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LAST YEAR'S ICE storm's wrath covered campus and community, putting somewhat of a damper on the local holiday season. During the storm, plant life around the area was destroyed, households went without power for several days and falling tree limbs caused damage to cars and roofs.

Area plans ahead to avoid last year's icy devastation

By Sean Callahan
Missourian Reporter

The season's first snowfall is reminding some area residents of last year's long and eventful winter, especially the devastating ice storm last Dec. 10.

Throughout northwest Missouri, ice caused brittle tree limbs to fall, often taking power lines with them and causing damage to homes and other property. Many yards had large piles of branches and limbs until months after the storm had passed.

The ice destroyed hundreds of trees on the Northwest campus alone. During the past year, Project Plant-A-Tree raised more than \$100,000 to rejuvenate the campus, which is designated as the Missouri State Arboretum. More than 100 trees have been planted, and more are in the works, according to the Northwest Web site.

Sara Wine, a junior psychology major, spent the evening of the ice storm with friends, and said the effects were immediately noticeable.

"You could hear trees cracking for hours," she said.

The next day, she and her roommates assessed the damage at the house they rented on the

corner of Seventh and Mulberry.

"It may not get bad," he said. "If it does, make sure you've got plenty of heat and anything you may need. Make sure you're prepared."

For cars, check antifreeze levels and temperature, said Chuck Rudisill, a customer service representative at O'Reilly Auto Parts. Also, make sure tires are not over-inflated, since traction is improved by having as much of the tire on the ground as possible.

"We had power, but no internet or cable. We were forced to watch Short Circuit 2 on DVD," she said.

While Wine's story may sound familiar to many area residents, area businesses say there are steps people can take to minimize property damage and maximize safety during the winter months.

Residents should be sure to stock up on necessary supplies, change furnace filters and have pellets on hand to combat ice on driveways and sidewalks, said Jeremy Palmer, assistant manager at Orscheln Farm and Home store on Main Street.

Rudisill said farmers taught him a trick to try to predict the weather for the winter season.

"They say since it first snowed on the 28th this year, that means we'll have 28 days of snow," he said.

If someone has a generator, make sure it is working and has enough gas, Palmer said. He said some people also elect to cut limbs from trees near power lines to try to avoid outages in the event of an ice storm.

Whatever the forecast brings, Wine hopes to avoid a repeat of last year's final week.

"I couldn't even focus to study. It was crazy," she said. "I really hope this year is different."

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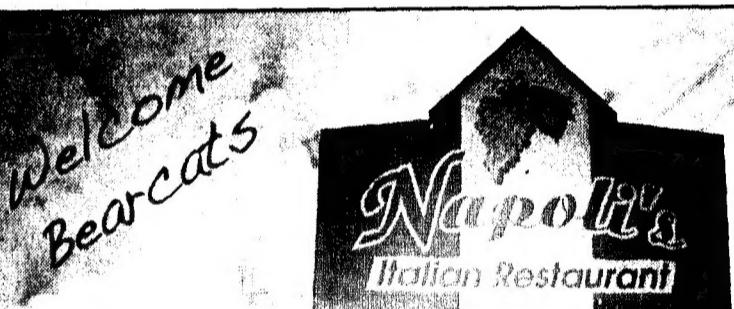
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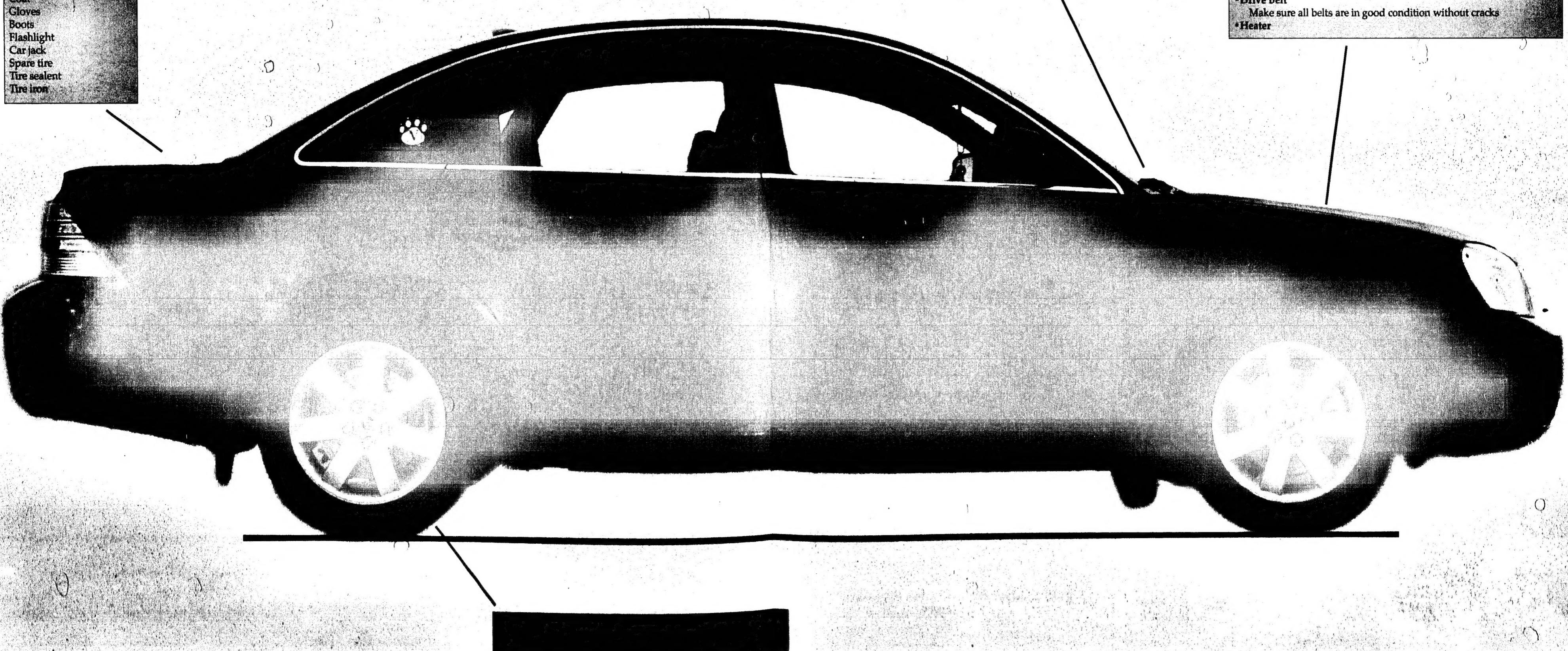
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Make sure all belts are in good condition without cracks
- **Heater**

Angel Tree enters 11th year of giving

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

For some people from the community, Christmas might happen thanks to angels.

The Campus Activities Office and the Panhellenic Council sponsor the Angel Tree, which is a way for students to give back to the community by adopting a less-fortunate individuals or families from the community for the holidays.

Currently there are 49 angels on the tree, and each angel represents an individual, Panhellenic Council

President Amanda Galaske said.

"Angel Tree is a way for families who are less fortunate to ask for things they may need this season or for their children to be able to open a gift on Christmas morning," Galaske said. "These are individuals or families within Maryville or the surrounding areas."

This is the 11th year for the Angel Tree on campus. The Greek community started it, Volunteer Services Director Amy Nally said.

"The Greek organizations were looking for a way to give back to

the community," Nally said. "The Greek organizations are why the Angel Tree came to Northwest."

Angels for the tree are compiled through the Head Start Program, Nally said. Any student wanting to adopt an angel from the tree, they should go to the Campus Activities Office located on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Another way for individuals to adopt an angel is by stopping by the table located on the first floor of the Student Union between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The angels list things from needs to wants such as movies and clothes," Galaske said. "Simple items can make a huge difference to those who may be less fortunate."

The tree is important for many reasons, Galaske said. It is a way to give back to needy families of the community.

"The Angel Tree also helps make the holiday season cheerful, Galaske said.

The items the angels are asking for range from bedding to toiletries, she said.

"The angels list things from

Maryville churches, organizations offer numerous philanthropic opportunities

By Lisa Houtchens
University News Editor

First United Methodist Church will have a warmth tree where you can donate hats, mittens and socks to the church to be given to family's in need, for more information about donations call 582-4821.

St. Gregory Catholic Church will participate in the Angel Tree for families at Children's and Family Center of northwest

Missouri and Hospice and Children living in the Maryville area with parents incarcerated out of town.

The St. Gregory Catholic School will have kindergartners participating in 'Toys for Tots' and Dec. 16 will go to Nodaway Nursing Home to give homemade cards to the residents and gifts for more information call 582-3833.

Community Services of Nodaway county has 'Adopt a Family' this charity is

for lower income families and the Angel Tree for more information, call Kim Stockwell at 582-3113.

Civic Women of Nodaway County have placed barrels in many Maryville stores for 'Toys for Tots.' Community members can donate new toys for children in Nodaway County.

Panhellenic Council is participating in the annual Angel Tree to help lower income families in Nodaway County. You can pick up Angels at the Campus Activities

Center is a food bank and clothing room for Nodaway County.

Order of Omega Sorority is doing a book drive at Northwest for Toys for Tots, Dec. 1-5. They are asking for new books to drop off on campus at the Station and the Office of Campus Activities.

The Ministry Center of Maryville serves lower income families in Nodaway county that meet poverty guidelines. The Ministry



By Evan Young
Editor in Chief

paves the way for student to enter medical school.

Hitting the books won't be the only thing Nwadozi will do over the break. A member of Residential Life's BRIDGE (Building Relationships and Integrating Diverse Growth Experiences) program, Nwadozi said he'll have time to make some extra money as part of the residence hall break staff, where he'll patrol the mostly empty buildings to make sure they're safe.

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PRE-MEDICINE MAJOR Isioma Nwadozi, 21, who is from Nigeria, will be among the dozens of international students who plan to spend their winter breaks this year in Maryville.

Hallmark store holds holiday open house

By Lindsay Jacobs
Copy Editor

spirit. During the season, employees help customers pick out ornaments and other Christmas merchandise for those on their shopping lists.

A lot of grandparents come in to buy ornaments for their grandchildren, Dowden said.

Waugh thinks it has to do with nostalgia that comes with many of the store's ornaments.

"It brings back a lot of memories that way," Waugh said.

The store held another open house in November, but preparation for the holiday season starts while most people are thinking of late summer activities.

A Hallmark ornament premiere is held each July. The store opens from midnight to 2 a.m. with about 30 people attending each year, store manager Lucy Waugh said. The true collectors start collecting at that time, she said.

The rest of the holiday merchandise comes in mid-September.

"It kind of depends on what they're looking for, but a lot of people start their shopping in mid-September," Waugh said.

Co-assistant manager Laura Dowden said working at the store during the holiday season really helps put her in the Christmas

Student prepares for on-campus break

he joked.

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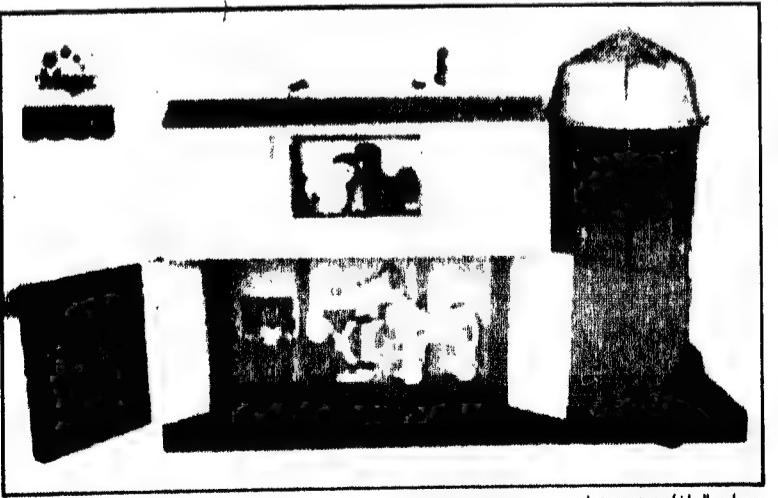


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Well, I'll let you decide on the sassiness factor.

You see, I've had enough of a certain fat, so-called "jolly" old man's crock of B.S. Not unlike George W. Bush, he's done a pretty poor job of giving me what I want. Yet unlike the presidency, an area of our society where change is supposedly on the horizon, I highly

doubt the one they call Santa Claus will deliver any change to my life this year.

Every year for the past five years, my wish list has been the same. Yet "St. Nick," "Kris Kringle," "Wilford Brimley" or whatever name you wanna give him, has constantly ignored each and every item on it. So this year, having had my fill of it all, I'm sending him an extra special "letter" - known to most people as "hate mail." And you're in luck, loyal readers; I'm giving you a special sneak peek into my Stroller stocking. Here's what I'll be dropping down Santa's chimney this oh-so-special Christmas season:

Dear Santa,

What. The. Hell.

For the past five Dec. 25's, you've handed me nothing but the broken end of the candy cane. I work my butt off every day of every year to be the nicest person - we're talking Mother Teresa nice, now - this planet, wait, this UNIVERSE has ever known. And in return I've only asked for two simple gifts: a gift certificate to Dollar General and "Kazaam" on DVD.

Pretty easy stuff, right? You can make it happen, right? Well listen up, fatso: you haven't. And I've had just about enough. Do you have any freaking clue what effect a stocking full of things like antique paper weights and "If I Did It" by O.J. Simpson has on someone? Obviously not, because throwaways like those seem to be the best you can come up with.

And don't try to give me some lame excuse like "the economy is bad." Shove it - it's irrelevant. You're supposed to be magical, for God's sake. You have a deer with a glowing, radioactive nose leading your sleigh. Somehow you were able to amass hundreds of dwarfs to perform countless hours of manual labor for you. You make drops of billions of homes within the space of 24 hours without the use of steroids, speed or Starbucks.

There's no reason for giving me the shaft every year.

So here's what's gonna happen this time around, you morbidly obese fool: I'm done being nice. You've seen my track record. You know the deal. I'm watching you this year, and I have supporters. You'd better have bargain shopping and Shaq on your brain when you slide down my chimney this Christmas. Because if you don't, well, let's just say the brown stuff in the cookies you shove down your throat at certain residences may or may not be chocolate chips, if you catch my drift.

Got it? Great. Thanks, Santa, for all your hard work bringing joy to everyone on this rock but me. I'd like to close by lifting and remixing one of your own quotes to capture the sheer jolliness I'VE received just by writing this letter to you.

"Merry Christmas to all, and to Santa, YOU'VE BEEN WARNED."

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'Cats get 4th chance at national championship

By Marcus Meade
Sports Editor

The Bearcats have been there before, three times actually.

When Northwest takes the field in Florence Ala. Saturday against Minnesota-Duluth, they'll do so with experience on their side.

"They're just a solid football team," coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "They're balanced. They play good defense. They're a lot like us in that respect."

The Bulldogs may be a good team, but they've never played for a national championship before. They did upset two teams just to get in the game including the No. 1 ranked team in the country, Grand Valley.

Minnesota-Duluth uses a balanced offensive attack much like the 'Cats, Tjeerdsma said. That and a weak conference schedule may have contributed to their huge turnaround from a team that went 4-6 last season to a team that's gone 14-0 so far this year.

"They've got a good power back," senior center Matt Nelson said. "He gets downhill well. They run a lot of screens well too."

Nelson and the Northwest offensive line ran over the North Alabama defense last weekend, opening holes for running back LaRon Council to pick up 139 yards and four touchdowns.

The Bulldogs will present a different look than North Alabama, Nelson said. Minnesota-Duluth won't be as quick as the Lions were last week, but

they have other attributes.

"They run a 30-front," Nelson said. "They're not as quick, but they're going to play sound football with good technique."

While Nelson gears up for his last collegiate football game, another senior just hopes he can play.

Cornerback Brandon Clayton was sidelined last week with a knee injury, but as of Tuesday was confident he would play in the national championship. If he couldn't, that would make this the second championship game in a row he's missed due to injury.

If Clayton is able to play, he'll be a big part of stopping a powerful Bulldog offense that torched California (Penn.) for 45 points last weekend.

Leading Minnesota-Duluth is quarterback Ted Schlaefke who's thrown for 2,890 yards, 33 touchowns and eight interceptions.

"We just have to get pressure," Clayton said. "If we can stop the run, force them to throw and make the quarterback run and take away his first and second reads, we'll be all right."

Clayton and the Northwest defense have been all right so far this season, getting better and better as the year progressed.

"I think everybody's taken it upon themselves to do their job and make plays," Clayton said. "Last year, we

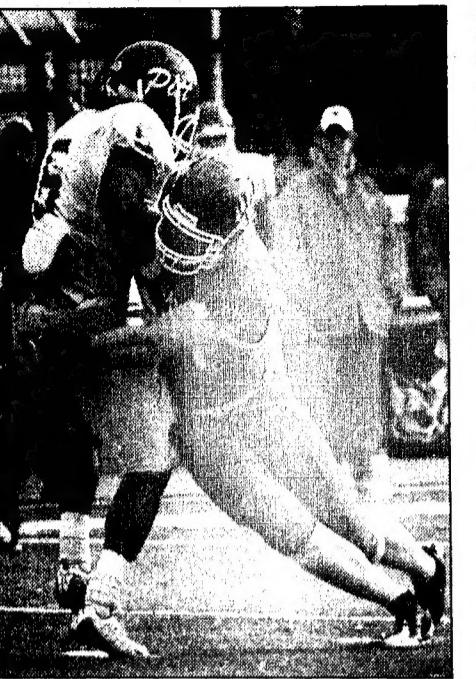


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JUNIOR DEFENSIVE END Sean Paddock brings down a Pitt State ballcarrier at the line of scrimmage.

Everybody's got a price Everybody's gotta pay

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

Here at the Northwest Missourian we want to make sure you are only spending your hard earned money on the best of things. We calculated an average list of things you will need to make your national championship trip to Florence, Ala. perfect.

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Alcohol- \$34

Well, I don't know what you guys are into, but after a long week of finals I'm going to grab a 30 pack of Busch and fifth of Jager. If you are short on cash and are really looking to have a good time you could always sleep in your car. Forget the Budget Inn, that's another \$40.

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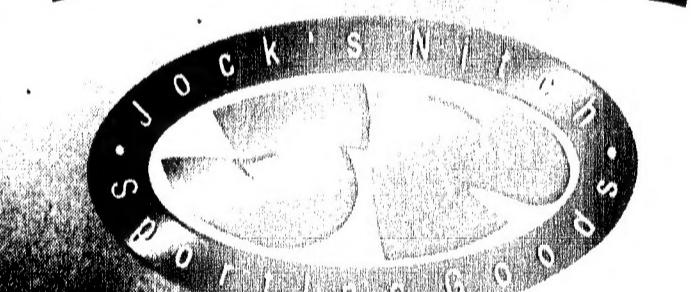
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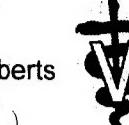
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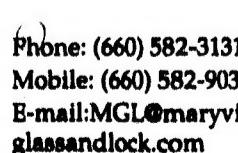


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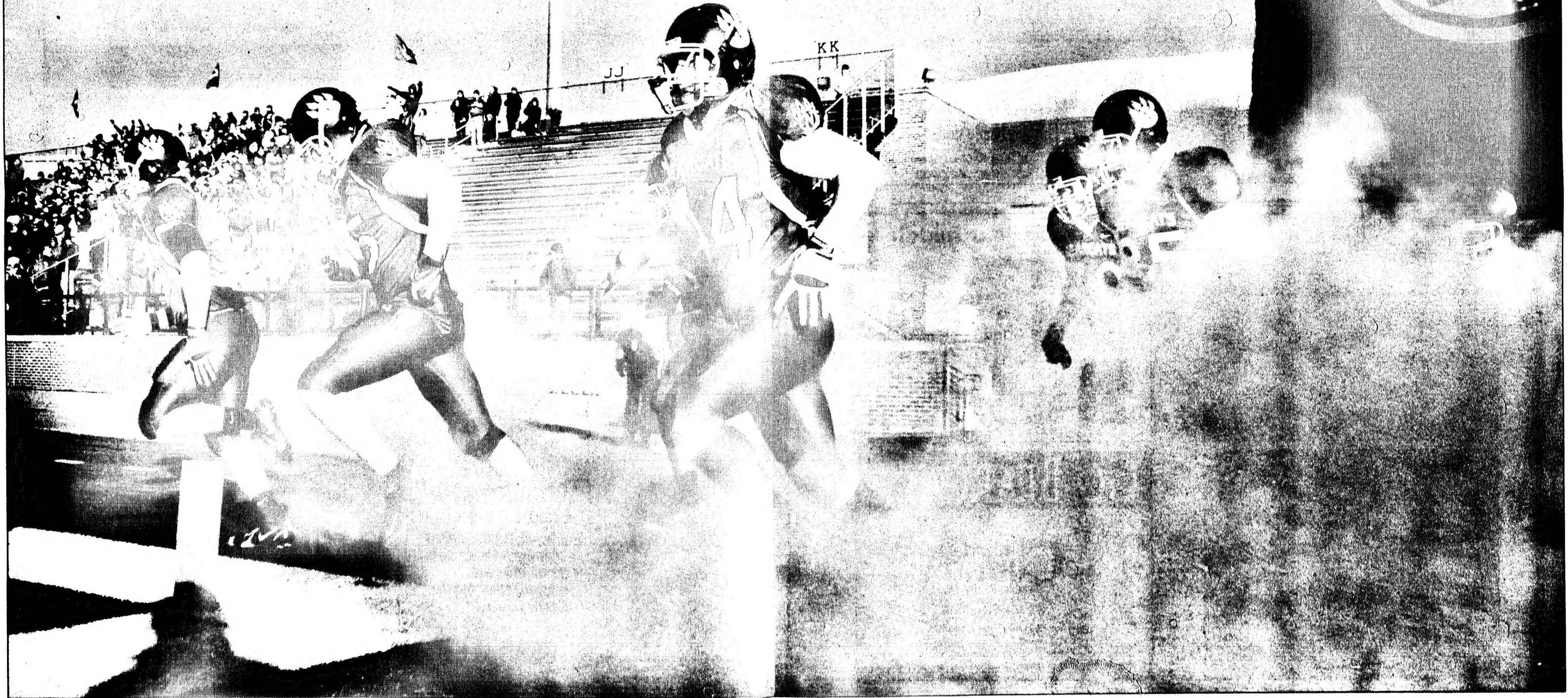
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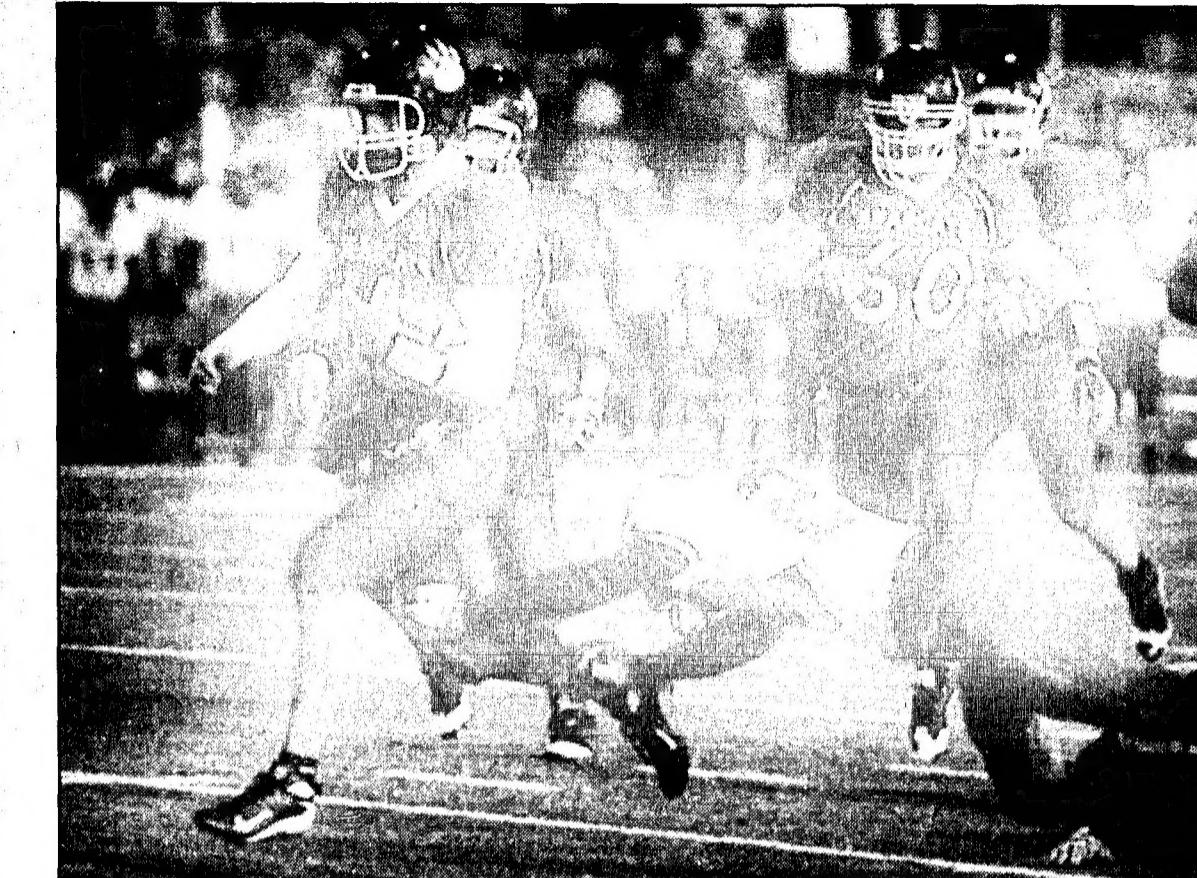
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SENIOR QUARTERBACK JOEL Osborn takes off down the field past North Alabama defenders before pitching the ball back to running back LaRon Council.

Team not dwelling on 3 title losses

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

Every fall, 156 Division II teams fight for the chance to take a trip to Florence, Ala., and play for a national championship. The Northwest Bearcats have made that trip more times than anyone in the last 11 years.

When the 'Cats step onto the turf at Braly Stadium in Florence, Ala. Saturday, it will be the sixth time in 11 years they've played in the Division II championship game. The 'Cats could also become the first to lose four consecutive championship games, a streak only matched in the football world by the Buffalo Bills of the 1990s.

"We don't think about that," junior safety Myles Burnsides said.

"Every team has its own identity and I think that's one of the reasons why we've been able to bounce back," Tjeerdsma said. "We start over, we don't dwell on what's happened before."

The inability to achieve that central goal of winning the championship may have contributed to the 'Cats dominance over the last four years, because the team hasn't accomplished its main goal yet.

"It was just a lot of disappointment," Northwest head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "For me it's more disappointing for the kids because I know how hard they worked. The fact that Northwest has won it twice is kind of a burden on their shoulders, because everyone expects to go down win it."

In 2005, the 'Cats arrived in Florence as underdogs after becoming the first team to win every playoff game on the road and came within one play of upsetting Grand Valley State.

In 2006 the 'Cats turned the ball over five times and then Grand Valley State scored a late go-ahead score for the second year in a row, and placed the only blemish on the 'Cats' 14-1 record.

"In 2006 we all thought we were going to get Grand Valley, and we just made too many mistakes," Tjeerdsma said.

"I think that was a case where lot of our youth caught up with us," Tjeerdsma said. "I think it was a very good wake-up call for us and for our young kids especially."

They followed that game by holding an explosive Abilene Christian team to its lowest point total of the year and then defeating No. 5 North Alabama 41-7 to advance to this year's championship game.

With the younger players on the team learning on the fly, and strong senior leadership guiding the way, Tjeerdsma feels good about the mind-set of his players.

"I think they're focused, and they have an ability to just keep everything in perspective," Tjeerdsma said. "(The seniors) have done a tremendous job. You could probably start with Ozzy (Joel Osborn) as much as anybody. He just says 'OK we won, now let's move on.'"

For seniors like Osborn, Wright and offensive lineman Reid Kirby, they will not have any more chances to move on toward another national championship game.

"We've learned from our mistakes, and we're going to approach things a lot different when we get down to Alabama," Kirby said.

Unlike Kirby, Burnsides has another year but feels anything less than a trophy this year is a failure.

"The goal is to win, and anything less than that is a disappointment," he said.

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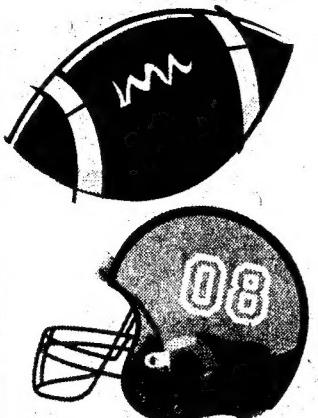
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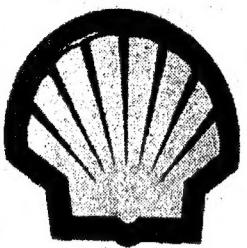
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